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bells."

A short time ago, says a re-
port in the Nazi-controlled Dutch
paper, "Algemeen Handelsblad,"
the carillon of St. Servatius
Church at Maastricht played con-
tinuously throughout the night
two sacred songs: "On Servatius,
Protector of Maastricht" and "To
You, Oh King of Ages" — the
latter being the best known of all
Dutch Catholic songs.

In the morning it was learned
that the machinery which nor-
mally rings the bells had been
tampered with so cleverly that it
was impossible to stop this
method of demonstrating Dutch
confidence that their land
would be freed from the aggres-
sor. — Reuter.

BADLY WOUNDED TO BE FREED

A SWISS HOSPITAL TRAIN
HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE
DISPOSAL OF THE GERMAN
AUTHORITIES FOR THE RE-
PATRIATION OF SOME 1,500
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BRI-
TISH PRISONERS OF WAR
WHO ARE BEING EXCHANGED
FOR A SIMILAR NUMBER OF
GERMAN PRISONERS FROM
BRITAIN.

The train will take some 300-
wounded British prisoners across
France to a French Channel port
where they will be exchanged
for an equal number of German
prisoners who will arrive there
by hospital ship from Britain.

The exchange is expected to
begin early next month. — Reuter.

IF U.S. GETS INTO THE WAR

IT IS NOT "UP TO US WHE-
TER WE GET INTO WAR—IT
IS UP TO THE OTHER FEL-
LOW," COLONEL F. B. A. N. K.
KNOX, SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY, TOLD A PRESS CON-
FERENCE IN PORTSMOUTH,
VIRGINIA, YESTERDAY AFTER
ARRIVING BY SEA FROM
BERMUDA, WHERE HE IN-
SPECTED THE NEW UNITED
STATES NAVY BASE.

If Americans do not "realise
the necessity" of maintaining do-
minant sea power, he said, "We
are more dumb than I think we
are." — Reuter.

SIR ARCHIBALD COMING TO HONG KONG

Completing his dis-
cussions with Mr.
Duff-Cooper in Singa-
pore, Sir Archibald
Clark-Kerr, British
Ambassador to China,
will leave for Hong
Kong, en route to
Chungking, to-mor-
row, it was learned in
Singapore yesterday.
— Reuter.

Heydrich At Work

THE SIX CZECHS WHO WERE EXECUT-
ED IN PRAGUE ON SUNDAY, FOLLOWING
THE ARRIVAL OF HEYDRICH, THE GES-
TAPO'S MOST NOTORIOUS KILLER, AS
"PROTECTOR," INCLUDED TWO FORMER
GENERALS OF THE CZECH ARMY.

One was General Josef Bily, formerly
military commander of Bohemia, and Divi-
sional General Hugo Vojti, who was deputy
commander of the Seventh Army Corps in
Bratislava.

FIGHTER PATROLS IN ACTION

Offensive patrols of
R.A.F. fighters attacked a
number of objectives yester-
day said the Air Minis-
try News Service in Lon-
don.

Off the Belgian coast, enemy
patrol boats and a seagoing barge
were swept by cannon and ma-
chine-gun fire resulting in one
patrol boat being set afire and
others being damaged, while the
barge was left sinking.

A gun position on the coast was
put out of action. Five lorries of
a convoy in Northern France
were set on fire in another raid.

From these operations one
R.A.F. fighter is missing but the
pilot is safe. — Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL TO REVIEW WAR SITUATION

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE A
STATEMENT ON THE LATEST DEVELOP-
MENTS OF THE WAR SITUATION WHEN THE
HOUSE OF COMMONS RE-ASSEMBLES
SHORTLY, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC
CORRESPONDENT.

He will deal at some length with Russia,
both as regards the position in the battle areas
and the aid this country and the United States
have given and can give.

Although normal consultations
were only begun yesterday be-
tween representatives of Russia,
the United States and Great Bri-
tain, the time that has elapsed
since the Mission arrived in Mos-
cow has not been wasted.

It is unlikely the Prime Min-
ister will be able to give any-
thing more than a preliminary
report on the progress so far
achieved, though the help sent
already is believed to be sub-
stantial.

The Prime Minister may also
deal with General Wavell's sub-
sequent talks with the Russian
Commander in Teheran.

Production Issue

Some members of Parliament
are anxious to raise the question
of production as it affects help
for Russia, but as there will prob-
ably be a further opportunity
of debating this question after
Lord Beaverbrook's return from
Moscow, the discussions on the
Prime Minister's statement may
be confined to general issues.

Subsequently, the Commons
will be asked to pass a further
vote of credit for £1,000,000,000
for war expenditure. — Reuter.

Hunan Battle Versions

Changsha was still in
Chinese hands at noon
yesterday according to
the Chinese spokesman at
a press conference in
Chungking yesterday.

The Japanese High Command
late last night announced in an
official communique that their
forces had "withdrawn from
Chuchow, fifty kilometres to the
south of Changsha, having ac-
complished their objective."

The Japanese are stated by
Japanese quarters to have occu-
pied Chentowshih, 40 kilometres
south-east of Changsha, "thus
cutting off the retreat of over
20,000 Chinese." — Reuter.

According to news received by
Czechoslovak Headquarters in
London yesterday, they were ar-
rested under the Emergency Or-
der on Saturday, tried and sen-
tenced on Sunday, and presu-
mably executed before nightfall, or
early yesterday morning.

The allegations against them
were either sabotage or illegal
possession of arms.

Premier's Arrest

News has also been received in
London that General Elias, who
was Premier of the puppet gov-
ernment of Bohemia and Moravia,
who was also arrested on the
orders of Heydrich, is already on
his way to Berlin where it is
believed, he will be tried by the
so-called "People's Court."

It is the German allegation that
Elias and others have been in
contact with London and have
been serving the interests of Dr.
Benes. This is strenuously denied
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LEAVING FOR FAR EAST BY AIR

Sir Otto Niemeyer and Mr.
H. Merle Cochran, technical as-
sistant to Secretary of the
United States Treasury Morgent-
hau, were expected to leave for
the Far East by air from San
Francisco yesterday to help China
settle monetary and fiscal pro-
blems. — Reuter.



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Hundredth Day Of Soviet War: Battle Of Attrition

German War Machine Brought To Standstill

(By "Annalist")

TO-DAY IS THE HUNDREDTH DAY OF THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT. THE RUSSIANS STATE THAT FIERCE FIGHTING IS PROCEEDING ALL ALONG THE FRONT.

The Germans make claim to success north-east of Dniepro Petrovsk, but except for the fact that Italian troops are alleged to have shared in the victory, it does not seem to have been a big battle.

It is becoming more and more evident that the operations are developing into a war of attrition.

Both sides register local successes, but it would seem that any decisive result before the winter puts the brake, if not complete stoppage, upon all military activities is most unlikely. That the Germans are feeling this sense of frustration is obvious from the news from occupied countries where repression and persecution are the order of the day.

The trouble does not proceed so much from increased hostility of the inhabitants as from the growing weakness of the German authorities to deal with them. The drainage of men is beginning to tell, and to compensate for their few numbers, the Germans are introducing new and bestial methods of terrorism in the hope of cowering the people.

Sowing The Seed

They will find that this does not pay psychologically because it is not by the shooting of hostages that the culprits of acts of sabotage are punished. It means sowing the seed of hatred which will yield a crop of vengeance later on.

For every person shot hundreds are antagonised or driven to desperation and the Gestapo will find a growing opposition which will call for increased severity and greater forces of police.

Lowering Morale

The terroristic methods in France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Norway and above all, Poland, are therefore an index of the lowering morale of the Ger-

mans and an indication of the spirit of defeatism.

As in war, the question of morale, resistance and spirit of sacrifice will be the determining issues in this revealing exhibition of German tendencies, and is most encouraging although the lot of those exposed to their vengeful spite is greatly to be deplored.

THERE IS NO DEFINITE NEWS OF THE FIGHTING IN THE CRIMEA, EXCEPT REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE STRAFING RAILWAY AND ROUTE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE PENINSULA. THEIR ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS.—REUTER.

Bagdad Conference

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN SIMLA YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA, AND GENERAL AUCHINCLOSS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HAVE ATTENDED AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN BAGDAD.

The meeting took place last Friday and Saturday in order to work out full details of co-operation between India and the Middle East regarding the anti-Axis front now established from Syria through Iraq and Iran to the left flank of the Russian armies.—REUTER.

TUKA ATTEMPT DENIED

A denial that an attempt has been made on the life of Dr. Tuka, who is the Slovak puppet premier, has been given over the Berlin Radio on authority of "a despatch from Bratislava."—REUTER.

MODIFICATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT SOUGHT

MR. CORDELL HULL, replying to a question yesterday, whether the Administration proposed to seek outright repeal of the Neutrality Act or merely elimination of certain features, referred to the statement he made last week that the moment was ripe for lifting the restrictions imposed by the Act.

He added that he tried to indicate then that he favoured modification but it was something which must be discussed in conference with Congressmen.

Asked whether he saw any significance in the recent increase in rebellious activities in occupied territories, Mr. Hull said that reliable reports indicated that sufficient people in those territories were being starved, shot and imprisoned without cause to make him hesitate to risk adding to the number by any statement he might make.

Mr. Hull told the Press Conference that the suggestion that the entire United States munitions output for three months should be diverted to Britain and Russia has not been brought to his attention.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the House Military Committee may have stated that he believed this should be done, but he added that he had no official information that such diversion was being considered.—REUTER.

TOBRUK SORTIE

AT TOBRUK DURING THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY/SUNDAY, BRITISH PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR PENETRATED WIRE DEFENCES, ATTACKING A STRONG OUTPOST AND INFLECTING A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY. SAYS AN OFFICIAL WAR COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY FROM MIDDLE EAST HEADQUARTERS.

The communique states: "In the same sector, artillery fire on Sunday engaged and dispersed enemy working parties in the frontier area also our fighting patrols continued to harass the enemy."—REUTER.

YEAR'S OUTPUT OF TANKS IN THREE MONTHS

More tanks were made during the months of July, August and September in British factories than during the whole of last year, stated the Ministry of Supply in London yesterday.—REUTER.

Behind German Lines

More than 70 German officers and men have been killed, and much Nazi war material has either been destroyed or captured by guerillas operating behind the German lines on the Russian front, according to a supplement to the Soviet communique issued last night.

In one action 20 lorries loaded with war materials, ten tank-losties and two mobile repair shops were destroyed while more than 200 cases of tinned food, medical supplies, winter clothing and stores, including boots destined for German soldiers, were seized, the communique says.

In another sector the guerillas destroyed 30 white Finnish soldiers, captured their weapons and equipment, while the Russian air force has destroyed 40 automobiles, five armoured cars, three artillery batteries, 30 tanks and one German company of infantry on the north-western sector of the front.—REUTER.

FINNS LIKELY TO SUCCUMB TO NAZI PRESSURE

(Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

GERMAN MILITARY and economic pressure on the Finnish Government has become so intense that it appears likely that the Finns will reject the British warning against continuing the Russian war.

It is known there are large numbers of Finns earnestly longing for peace but according to reports reaching London, the Nazis in Helsinki are using every form of pressure to compel the Finns to continue the fight.

The Finnish situation is, indeed, a difficult one. Not only are German troops upon Finnish soil but Germany, unlike Britain, is in a position to exert severe economic pressure on that country, for Germany has always been an important customer for Finnish goods. To encourage Finnish collaboration, the Germans continue daily to paint to the Finns a totally exaggerated picture of Nazi successes against Russia, coupled with claims which they have regularly failed to make good, such as their declaration last Thursday that they would be in Leningrad within two days.

Territorial Offers

Simultaneously, the Germans promised the collaborators territorial gains for Finland if Germany wins against Russia.

Any decision of the Finnish Government to succumb to German threats and blandishments will inevitably have a disastrous effect on Finland's position, already battered by two wars. Not only will she lose the chance of gaining peace now, but she will

be throwing away the inestimable political and economic advantages of improved relations with Britain and America as well as the opportunity of having her independent place at the Conference Table when peace is achieved.—REUTER.

BRIDGES TO BE DEPORTED

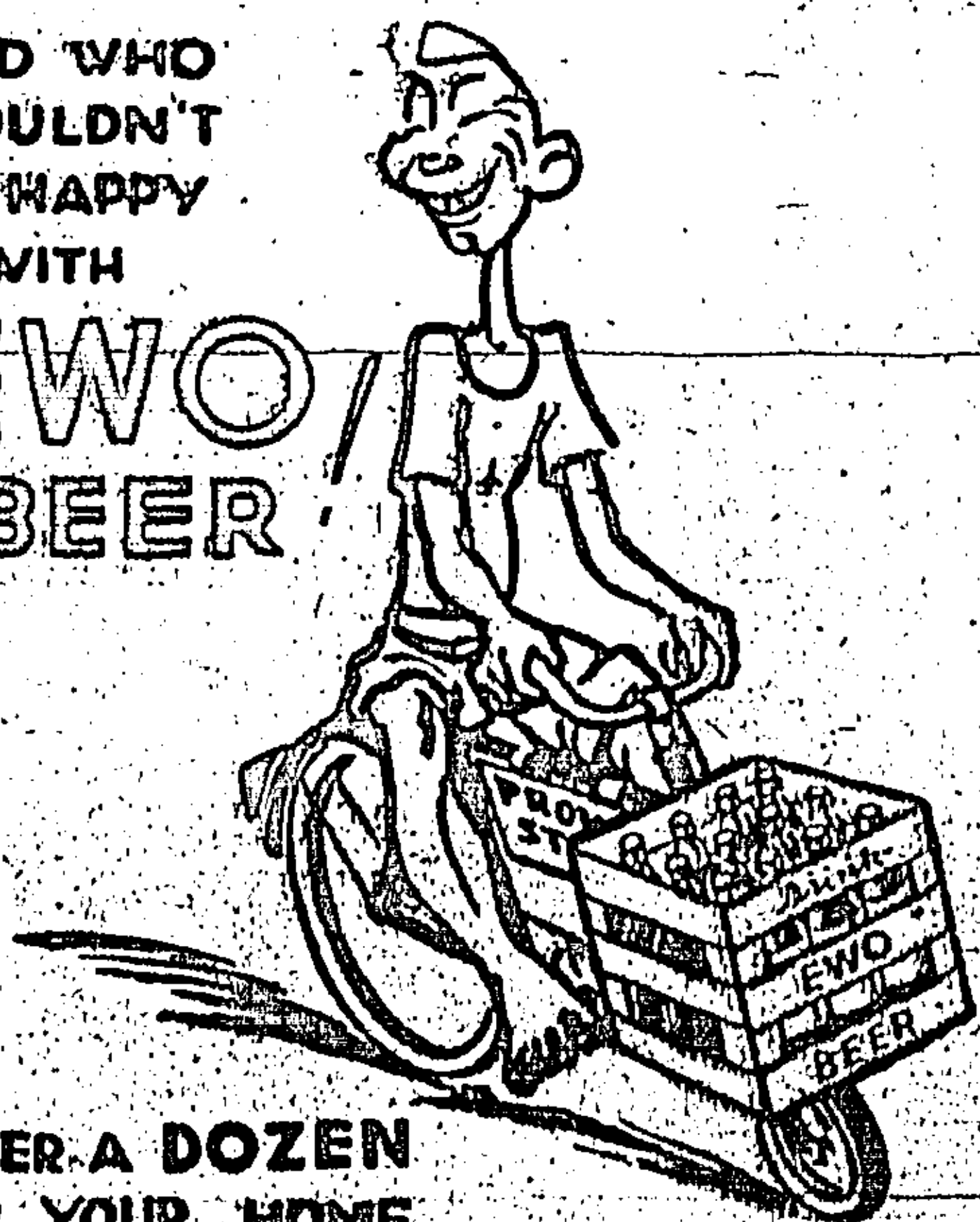
The deportation to Australia of Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast leader of the Committee for Industrial Organisation, has been recommended to the Attorney-General, Mr. Biddle, on the grounds that Bridges was a member of the Communist Party, which "advocates and teaches the overthrow by force and violence of the United States Government."

The recommendation originated with Charles Sears who as special immigration inspector presided at a ten-weeks' hearing in San Francisco to determine whether Bridges could be deported under immigration laws.—REUTER.

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CRITICAL CONFERENCE OPENS

Moscow Talks On Soviet Needs

EMBASSY INTENSELY ACTIVE

(Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia)

MOSCOW THIS MORNING LOOKED RATHER LIKE DREARY LONDON ON A NOVEMBER DAY BUT A GAY FIRE BLAZED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND LORD BEAVERBROOK ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR THE OPENING OF THE SUPPLY CONFERENCE SEEMED IN HIS USUAL HIGH SPIRITS.

There was an enormous amount of coming and going and conferring at the Embassy and the impression given of the importance attached to the conference on which successful war progress largely depends.

ARMING OF MERCHANT SHIPS

President Roosevelt is expected to return to Washington from Hyde Park to-day to confer with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, regarding the best method of making a move towards the arming of merchant ships which is now forbidden by the Neutrality Act.

Congress leaders will discuss the question to-morrow.

There has been no definite indication how far the Administration is likely to go at present in easing the Neutrality Act though there have been hints that modification might be attained more easily than complete repeal.

This might be the determining factor in fixing the course the Administration will ultimately follow.

The Act not only forbids the arming of merchant ships but bans such vessels from entering combat zones.—Reuter.

FIRMISH TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Stock Exchange in London yesterday was quietly firm with shipyards outstanding, Cunard, 8s. 6d. against 8s. 3d. on encouraging revenue figures.

Small rises were recorded in gilt-edged securities, home rails, and oils, except Anglo-Iranian. Industrials were mixed with small advances in tobacco, Rayons, textiles which were offset by setbacks in building and breweries. South American rails continued firm but foreign bonds were dull. Brazilians and Japanese easing slightly. Wall Street was narrowly firm.—Reuter.

TEHRAN EXCHANGE

The sterling exchange rate was altered by a degree yesterday in Tehran by 1/4 to 1/10 rials to the pound. The dollar rate was reduced from 45 to 35 rials.—Reuter.

Already last night the heads of the delegations, with the British and American Ambassadors had, in the presence of M. Molotov and M. Litvinov—the latter acting as interpreter—conferred for three and a quarter hours with M. Stalin.

The scope of the conference cannot yet be discussed and probably the exact results will not be disclosed at any time—the Germans being only too anxious to know the details.

Direct Help

NATURALLY, HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE IS DEALING WITH THE POSSIBLE DIRECT MILITARY HELP, AS ALREADY VISIBLE FROM THE PARTICIPATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, SHORT-TERM SUPPLIES AND THE ALL IMPORTANT AND NOT EASY QUESTION OF TRANSPORT AND ROUTES FOR SUCH SUPPLIES.

Russian Morale

The satisfactory outcome of the conference is a factor of absolutely primary importance for Russian morale.

The British tank week has created a good impression in Moscow but as M. Lozovsky pointed out in a message to the Press, what is wanted is not one week but many weeks.

Typical of the Russian standpoint also is M. Lozovsky's phrase about the whole "brunt" of the German machine falling on to Russia.

Soviet papers also have been emphasising the United States as "the richest power in the world."

Down To Business

The Three Power conference for war supply opened in Moscow yesterday, according to the Columbia Broadcasting system commentator, speaking from Moscow. M. Molotov presided at the conference. Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman, who had earlier seen M. Stalin, getting down to business immediately.—Reuter.

REST HOME FOR SERVICE FAMILIES

Families of soldiers, sailors and airmen who have been bombed out of their homes or who are in need of a rest by the sea can now be received at St. Ellens, Hoxwall, Cheshire.

The house was recently opened by Lady Gordon-Finlayson, wife of General Sir Robert Gordon-Finlayson, G.O.C. in C. Western Western Command. The three



SOLDIERS ASSIST ON THE FARM—Soldiers, during their spare time are helping farmers in Britain. Two Tommies are here seen haymaking.

MODIFICATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT FAVOURED

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State told a Press conference in Washington yesterday that he favoured modification rather than repeal of the Neutrality Act.—Reuter.

RHODESIAN MUNITIONS OUTPUT

Production of munitions in the Rhodesian copperbelt is progressing rapidly and the first consignment accepted by Southern Rhodesia War Supplies Committee was described as of 100% quality.

It is hoped that more mines will soon make other small parts thus using the Colony's machinery and skilled labour to the best advantage in the war effort.

An appeal for munition workers was very satisfactory; women recruits turning out component parts with a high degree of efficiency. The output of copper in August was the highest for a considerable time.—Reuter.

Services cooperated in the purchase.

The home takes in dependants of men in the forces whose families for various reasons have nowhere to go and need time and help to make plans for the future. The local representative of the Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen's Families Association is always ready to assist.

It is hoped to establish similar homes in other parts of the country.

THAILAND UNSHAKEN IN FAR EAST WAR OF NERVES

THAILAND WILL EMERGE unscathed from the Far Eastern war of nerves, according to Mr. Sivaram, editor of the "Bangkok Chronicle," now in India.

A policy of strict neutrality is followed by the Thai Government in its friendly relations with the great Powers of the world and the preparedness of the defence forces of the country to resist any probable aggression constitutes the basis of this optimism, he added.

Referring to Anglo-Thai relations, he stated that they were most cordial, adding: "Adversity often serves to test friendship."

Thailand values the friendship of Britain and will never pursue a policy jeopardising relations with Britain or the United States. He pointed out that the recent Hull-Eden Statement regarding Anglo-American policy in the Far East was an event of any further Japanese

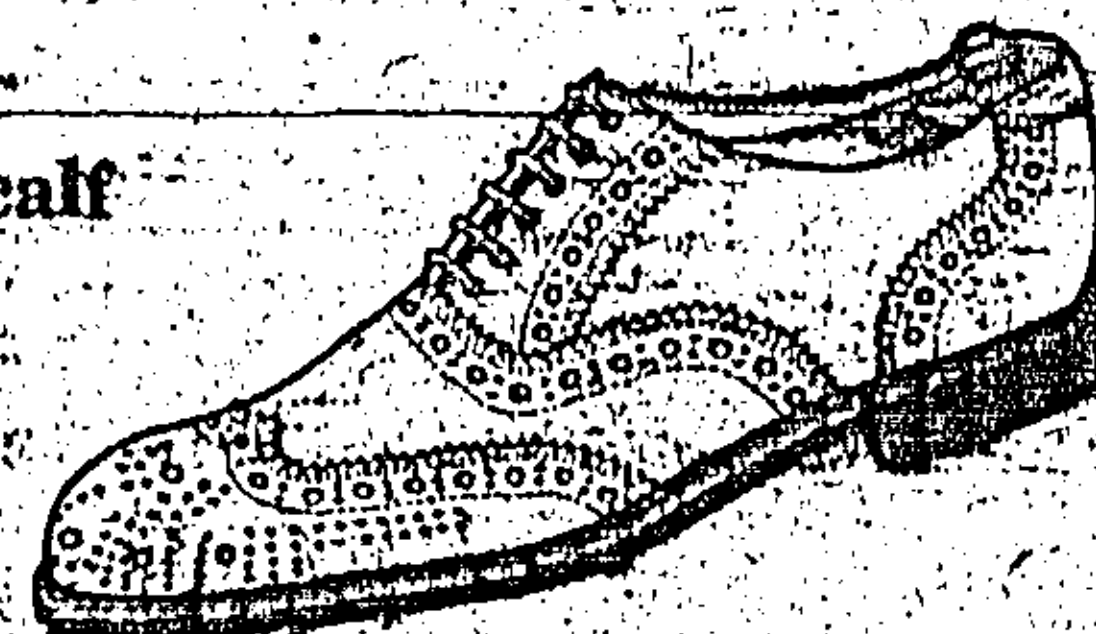
move in south-eastern Asia was favourably received in Bangkok and he added that it was the unambiguous declaration of Anglo-American policy in the Far East that had resulted in the present full.

Thailand, he emphasised, was just pro-Thai and the friend of all, but any foreign attempt to turn her into the Rumania or the Bulgaria of the Far East, was doomed to failure.—Reuter.

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ITALY BEGINNING TO FEEL THE PINCH

GROWING CONCERN at Italy's food and financial stringency is reflected in Italian newspaper editorials which are quoted in messages from Milan.

In an editorial on the food situation, the Turin paper "Stampa" invites the authorities to be more active in putting on fresh "turns of the screw."

NIGHT FIGHTER PILOTS GET INDOOR SUNSHINE

At a night fighter station in the South of England the first of the sunray lamps recently given by Lord Nuffield has now been installed. Although during the long summer days the need of synthetic sun rays for Britain's air defenders on the "night shift" is not so urgent as in winter, some of the pilots have already started taking their daily doses of sunshine.

The intimate connection between sunshine and health is becoming widely recognised. For years doctors have treated many diseases with sun rays, either natural or from a lamp. Following the same idea sunlamps are being increasingly used to keep war workers fit for their heavy work, especially necessary where holidays are curtailed. Submarine crews have indoor sunbaths also, on the same lines as those now available to night fighter pilots.

Of the latest "collective treatment" type the R.A.F.'s new sun-ray equipment has a central sunlamp called the "centrosol," which resembles a side drum on castors. An upright metal rod bears twin quartz tubes about 6 inches long.

Around the "centrosol" the pilots cluster in "undressed uniform," taking their places on a series of circles drawn on the floor. Dark haired subjects stand nearest the lamp, red-heads and fair-skinned farthest away.

When the current is switched on the tubes generate dazzling mercury arcs rich in the ultra-violet rays which reproduce the benefits of sunshine on the human body. Four minutes of exposure to the rays is reckoned as the equivalent to 30 minutes sunbathing on a South Coast beach in midsummer.

WELCOME SHADE

During the recent spell of hot weather this notice appeared on the gate of an old world garden belonging to a house near an R.A.F. aerodrome.

"Welcome to Airmen—Come in and sit down, and make yourself at home."

Many R.A.F. members take advantage of the owner's hospitality. The restful shade of the trees, the peaceful garden, are a welcome break from the all too familiar Station surroundings. Without any formalities or hit of patronage the owner and his wife act host to dozens of young men who drop in from time to time for a quiet chat and a brief renewal of that home life which they have temporarily lost. They sit around in the garden, write letters home, talk to the dog—even if they feel like it have a go at cutting the lawn.

Asked what gave him the idea the owner replied "I was with the R.A.F. myself in the last war. Though it is a grand life I don't every man wants to go to the pictures or walk about the town when he's off duty, and there's nothing like a change of scene to keep a man feeling good. After all, it's not much in return for what those boys are doing for me."

He added that he intended to keep his home open in the same way right through the year—and hoped that the idea would catch on.

The paper says the great danger is that perpetual price changes may create an atmosphere of inflation and feeling of uncertainty which will seriously harm the defence of the lira and public saving.

Writing in the paper "Regime Fascista," Farinacci, former secretary-general of the Fascist Party, denounces the "large number of people in Italy who are hoping to save money to plunge into speculations."

"We have observed the mad race in order to buy immovable property, jewels and industrial shares from which has resulted serious disturbances in the market and rise in prices to the sky."

Price Race

"Ordinary plots of land have increased in price by sixty thousand lire per hecta, meanwhile the value of houses have increased fourfold within the period of a few months."

"Gold is selling at 120 lire per gramme, diamonds at 5,000 lire per grain."

Farinacci adds that an end must be put to this price race if Fascism does not wish to reduce the poorer classes to famine.

The financial editor of the paper "Sera" discussing the recent developments in the Milan Stock Exchange, says that uncertainty dominates exchange and the public.

Market Nervous

"I observed recently a series of completely irregular meetings with numerous incomprehensible and unforeseen changes in market tendencies. A draconian measure must be taken in order to limit the rise in prices."

"The authorities must intervene in the present abnormal situation. The nervousness in the Milan Stock Exchange, resulting from the war situation, is related to the present psychological conditions."—Reuter.

LORRY CONVOY SURPRISED

It was learned in London yesterday that R.A.F. fighters attacked a convoy of lorries near Dieppe with cannon and machine-guns. Five lorries were set on fire.

—Reuter.

"COMMAND" PERFORMANCE

A group of R.A.F. officers had a "Command" performance recently in Palestine, when a company of the Arab Legion, stationed as a guard at their aerodrome, invited them to see some native dancing.

The guests sat on chairs at the edge of the parade ground, faced by the company on long wooden benches. The thin wall of a chanter opened the proceedings, and a Bedouin dance followed. Three men started doing what appeared a complicated "Palais Glide" step, others joined them, and linked arms, until two swaying, stamping lines of men, twenty in each, wheeled and turned.

Two members of the Arab Legion then gave a war dance, handling bayonets like fine duelling swords, and worked up the remainder of the company to a tremendous pitch of excitement. The highlight of the show was a burlesque fight between a judge and a dissatisfied litigant.

DUFF-COOPER OFF TO INDIA

Mr. Duff-Cooper is flying to India for a brief discussion with the Viceroy. He will then proceed to Singapore and go later to Australia.

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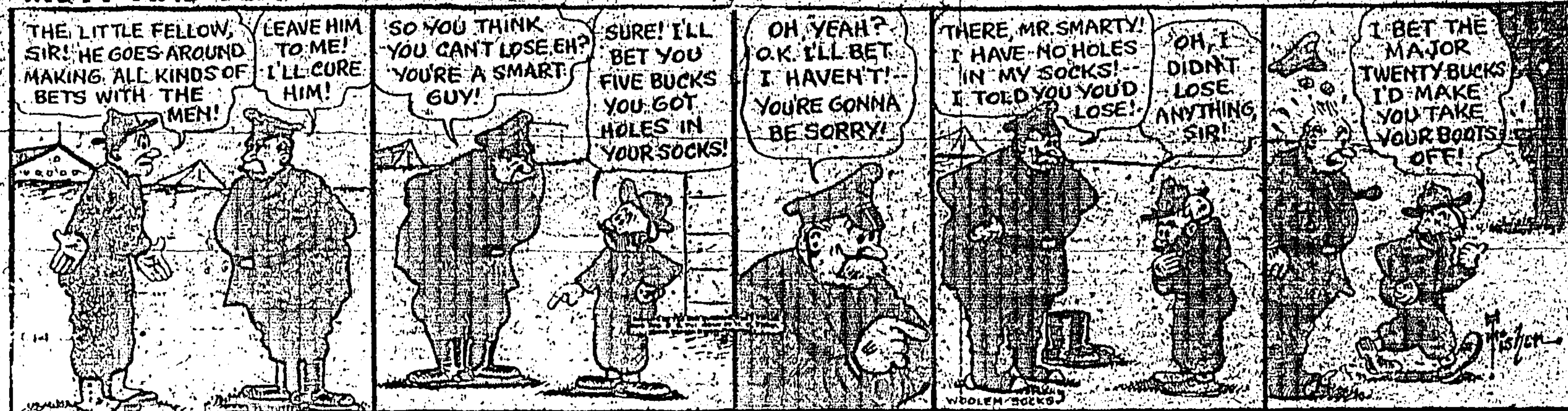
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By BUD FISHER



MAKING SURE OF IT

Knowing how sceptical the Intelligence Officer can be, an R.A.F. pilot on his return from a recent operation over Northern France, set out to convince him that there was no doubt about his victim.

After describing his first with an Me.109, which resulted in the enemy spinning down towards the sea, he wrote in his report:—

"I claim this Me. as destroyed for the following reasons:—

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(c) F/O. M. of No. Squadron saw an Me. 109 dive into the sea right alongside another Me., which had been shot down by a pilot in the same squadron at the same time and place.

(d) No-one claims the second Me. 109 which I am sure was mine."

The Intelligence Officer allowed the claim.

MR. BOWDEN'S APPONTMENT IN SINGAPORE

IN A STATEMENT in Singapore yesterday, Mr. V. G. Bowden, former Australian Trade Commissioner in China, now the representative of the Australian Government in Malaya, declared: "Singapore, as the focal point of the British and Allied defence systems in the Western Pacific, has become of the greatest importance to Australia.

"Politically, it has become the great clearing house for intelligence and the centre of contacts which are of vital interest to Australia.

"My function as diplomatic representative will be to provide my Government with the closest contacts as possible and to keep them supplied with information regarding all developments of interest to them in this area.

"My natural regrets at leaving behind so many associations which I formed in China are tempered by the feeling that in Singapore I will be almost at the gateway of Free China and thus better able to watch that country's development as a resurgent nation."—Reuter.

SOMEONE HAD TO BE SACRIFICED!

Officers at a Coastal Command Station in England made up their minds that they could help in the "Dig for Victory" campaign.

The first step was obviously to survey the ground. Industrious-ly they looked around for land which might be productive, but their efforts met with no great success—until they reached the Commanding Officer's house.

In front of the house was a large, beautiful lawn. The surveying officers looked at each other meaningly. Who would bell the cat?

It was a difficult problem, but very tactfully the news was conveyed to the C.O. that in course of time this lawn could be made to produce quantities of winter vegetables.

Nothing was heard of the proposal for some time, and there was an air of expectancy as the decision was awaited. Then, one day a note appeared on the Mess notice board calling for volunteers to dig up the lawn.

Now the officers at the station are very busy with the spade and the C.O., although he sees his lawn disappearing, encourages the good work.

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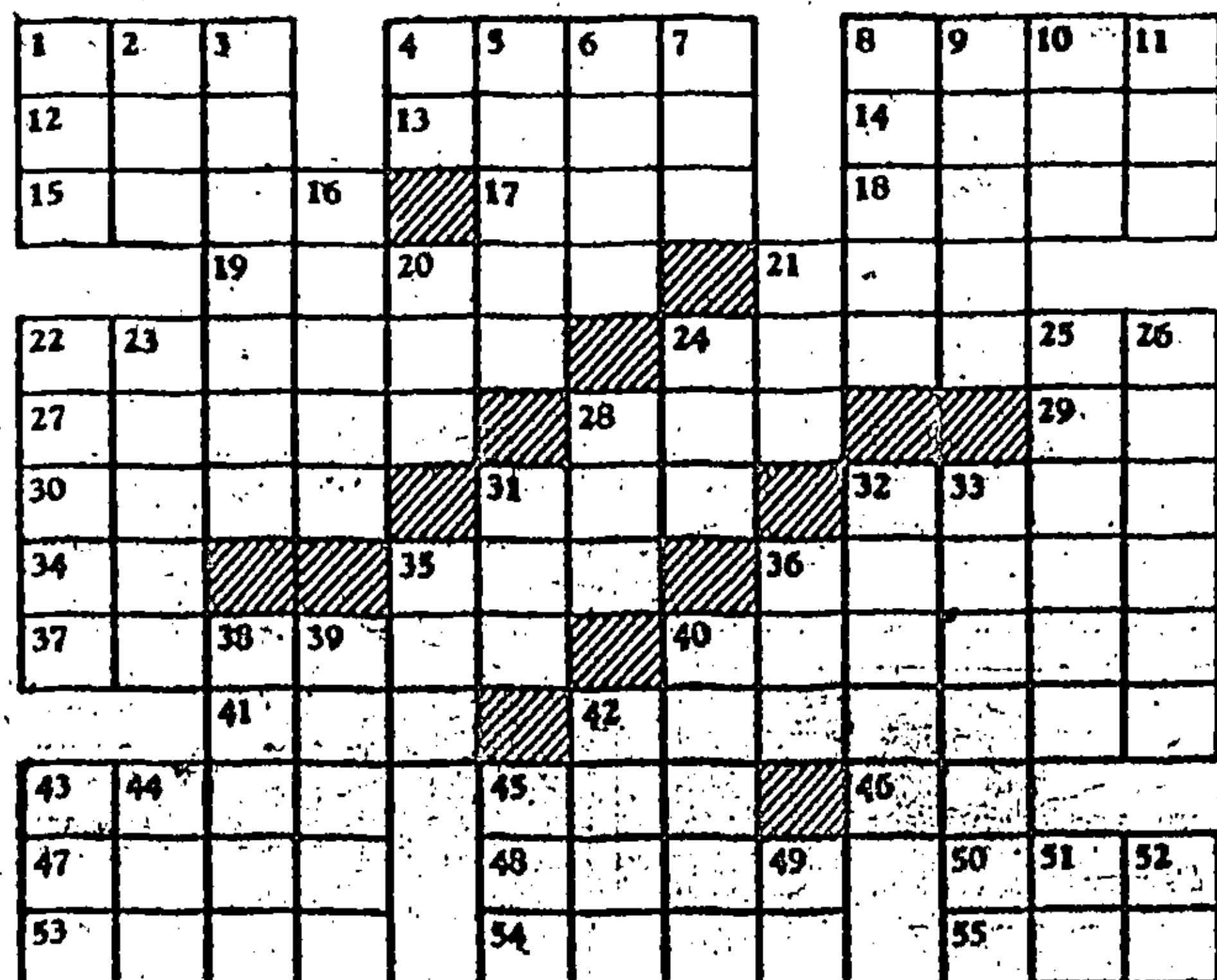
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- 4 Exclamation to attract attention
- 8 Hindu prince
- 12 Biblical name
- 13 Tree-snake
- 14 Elve
- 15 Stern
- 17 Free
- 18 Most worthless
- 19 To entrap
- 21 Numerical
- 22 To urge
- 24 White wine
- 27 Islands in the Moditer-ranean
- 28 Seized with the teeth
- 29 By
- 30 The birds
- 31 Assisting
- 32 To give forth
- 34 Earth address
- 35 Strange
- 36 Magistrate's report
- 40 Boars
- 41 Literary heraps
- 42 To accord
- 43 South American country

VERTICAL

- 1 Conjunction
- 2 Constellation
- 3 Circular object
- 4 Mulberry
- 5 Equine
- 6 Great Lake
- 7 Insane
- 8 To be in subordinate
- 9 Place of combat
- 10 City in Yugoslavia
- 11 Insect

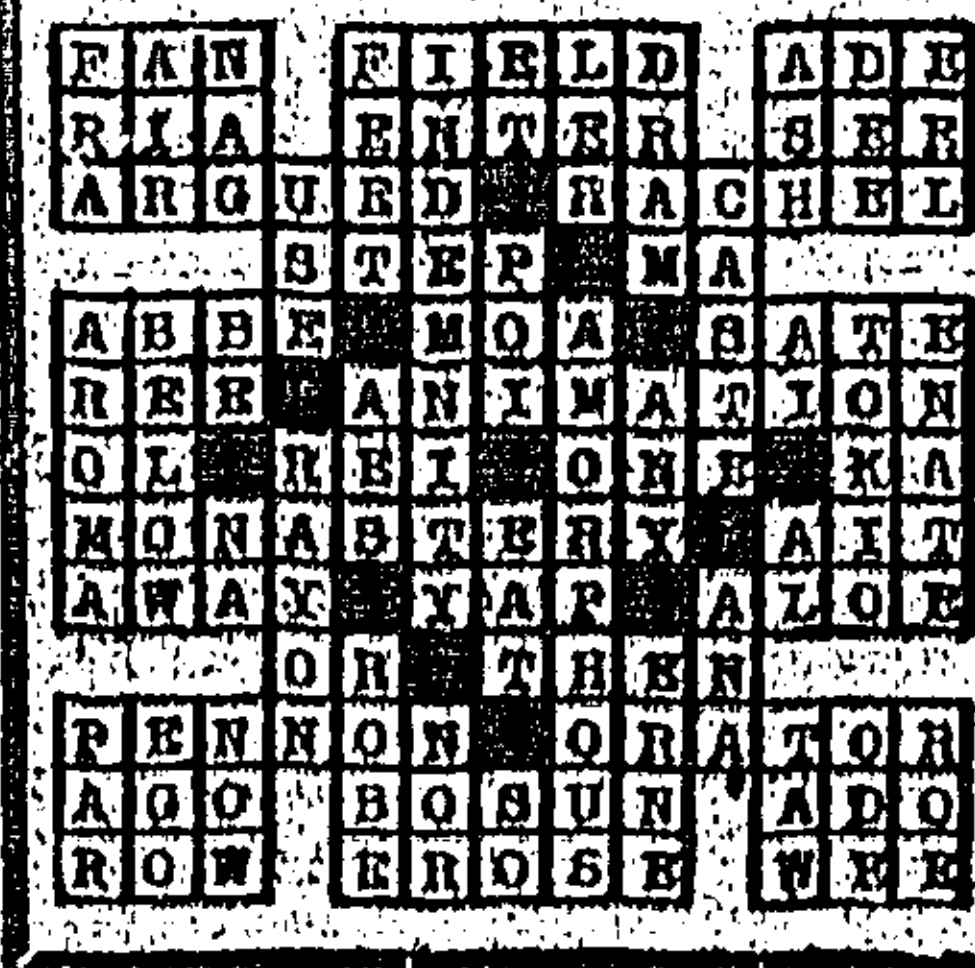
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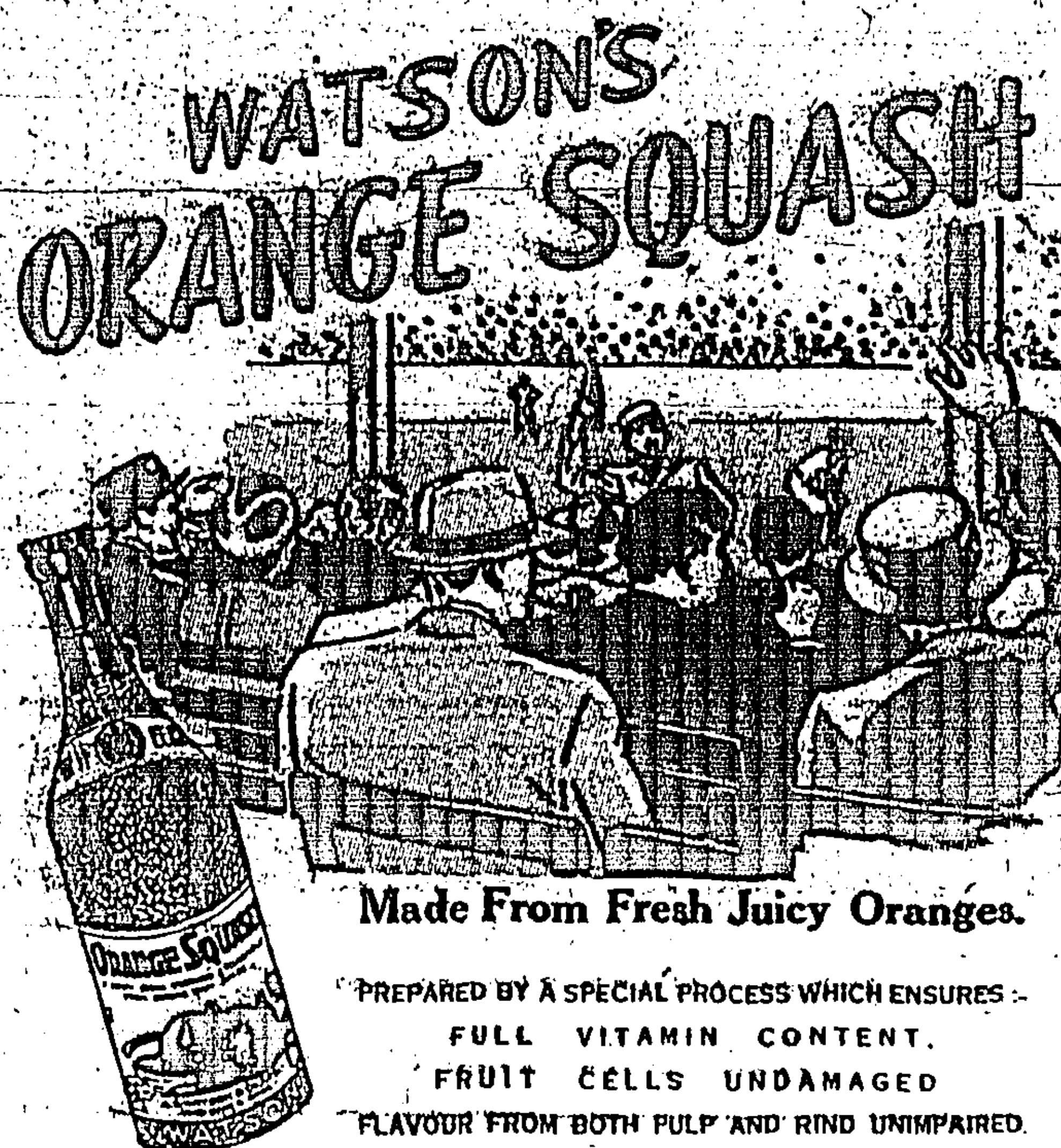
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- 47 Sandrac tree
- 48 Residue of coal
- 50 Tip
- 53 Secure
- 54 Dutch cheese
- 55 Timber tree

16 Defeats thoroughly

- 20 Peruvian tuber
- 21 To make lace
- 22 Insect in adult stage
- 23 Hubs of wheels
- 24 Among
- 25 Covering for the ankle
- 26 To authenticate officially
- 28 Offer
- 31 To append
- 32 Railing place for troops
- 33 Domestic fowl
- 35 South American language
- 36 Shade tree
- 38 Hindu territorial division
- 39 To come into operation
- 40 Lively dance
- 42 Lump of earth
- 43 Dance stop
- 44 Period of time
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- 51 Pronoun
- 52 What's was that?

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Axis Ship Losses In Tunisia Reported Heavy By Sailor

(By W. E. Lucas)

AN ACTUAL PICTURE OF the destruction of Axis shipping off the coast of French Tunisia is given by a French sailor who was a member of the crew of a naval patrol vessel between Bizerta and Sfax on the African coast and has recently arrived in the United States to join the forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

For some months British Admiralty communications have laconically mentioned the sinking of Axis transports and freighters trying to run the blockade between Sicily and Tripoli and using the coast of French Tunisia as a safety channel. Although some have got through, the description of this hundred miles of coast line, from Cape Bon to Sfax, as a cemetery of ships shows how many have failed.

Close inshore, he reports, in shallow water so that their masts and the tops of their funnels break the surface there are scores of Italian ships, sailing schooners,

freighters of every size and men of war. At one point off the island of Kuria a convoy of six merchant ships had been sunk as well as two escorting destroyers.

Looking down through the clear Mediterranean waters he could see the havoc which had been caused by what must have been an air and sea attack. Equipment of every sort was scattered about the ocean floor, tanks, aero engines, drums of oil, trucks, motor-cycles, heavy and light guns of all kinds.

Italian Convoy

A few miles south of this scene there was an Italian convoy consisting of four freighters and one destroyer which had been sunk. The hulls of the freighters were fiddled with shell holes and a well directed hit must have landed on the destroyer's magazine since the front part of the ship had been blown away.

About a mile distant the mast of a British destroyer appeared above the surface of the sea. But she must have been abandoned in good order as there was no sign of any loss of life.

Sunk And Damaged

In the French harbour of Sfax several other Italian freighters were lying sunk or damaged as a result of the R.A.F. bombing attacks on that port. Four other ships, carrying large consignments of war material for Libya, were sheltering there afraid of continuing their journey to Tripoli.

The French sailor estimated that the total loss of heavy equipment along this hundred mile stretch of coast line was very considerable. There were between 40 and 50 ships all fully loaded with military stores either sunk or abandoned in shallow water.

"DEATH OR GLORY BOYS"

"Death or glory boys" they are called locally, these troops who man the 6-inch guns on the fringe of the East Coast and keep ceaseless watch and ward on the sea which might at any moment reveal German ships steaming to the attack.

They man Britain's front line. And a curious front line it is. I saw one gun in a cottage garden with its muzzle showing above a privet hedge. Another is on what holidaymakers once called an esplanade. A third peeps out of a wood, and a fourth is in the open, draped with camouflage.

Men are constantly on the alert, sweeping the seas with binoculars by day and with searchlights and night glasses at night. Within half a minute of the sounding of the alarm they must be manning the guns. On the beaches in front of them there stretches a continuous tank barrier.

Every officer takes his place with his men in bayonet training, all have their daily doses of P.T., carry 100lb. shells 20 yards, and practise grappling with paratroops in order to get tough.

FIVE RAIDERS TRAPPED

Radiolocation, Britain's new device for the destruction of night bombers, cost the Germans five bombers when they made a short, sharp raid on the Southampton and South-East Coast.

Two churches, two banks, several schools, licensed premises, business premises, and many private houses were destroyed or damaged.

A number of people lost their lives, and many others were taken to hospital.

One night fighter pilot shot down two German bombers. He got the second after he had landed to reload.

BRITONS READY FOR ORDEAL

Preaching his first sermon since his return from a tour of Britain the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, who fought in the last war, said in New York that nothing he saw of the soldiers then could equal the amazing courage of British civilians now.

They were standing up uncomplainingly, he said, through an ordeal worse than that faced by American soldiers in France.

"Having personally inspected what is going on in the shipyards and factories of Britain, and having seen the defences of the British Isles, I am confident that when the final ordeal comes these people will give a good account of themselves," he declared.

ANCESTORS OF PRIME MINISTER FOUGHT GREAT BRITAIN

The Syracuse Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has decided that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, is eligible for membership because two of his American ancestors fought against Britain.

Mr. Churchill's mother, the late Lady Randolph Churchill, was an American.

She was the daughter of Leonard Jerome, of Nassau County, Florida, one-time part-owner of the New York Times.

As Jennie Jerome, the late Lady Churchill was a noted American beauty.

Mr. Churchill was a newspaper correspondent in the Spanish-American War.

ODD FACT

Strange as it may seem, the hottest place on earth is named Greenland Ranch. It is in Death Valley, California, and the temperature has been known to reach 134 degrees in the shade.

BOOKS BY THE OUNCE

Publishers' Scheme

Standard books in which the number of words will be strictly measured in ounces may be appearing before long. They will represent the publishers' solution of the problem of reconciling rising book-sales with the increasing shortage of paper.

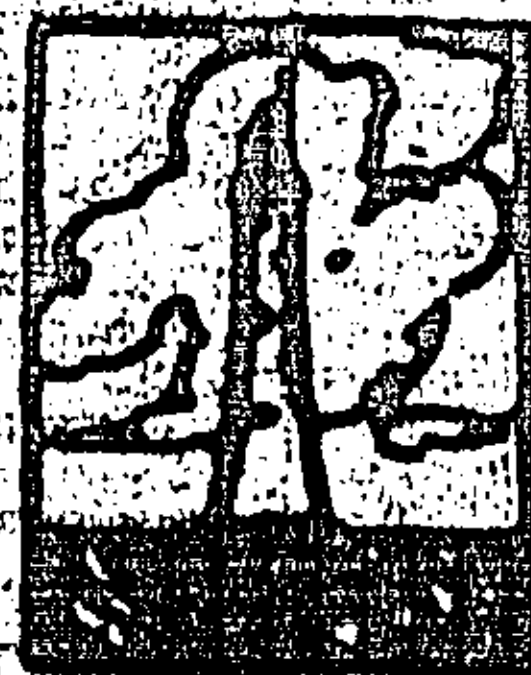
Meanwhile, the plan which the technical advisory committee of the Publishers' Association is considering is one that stipulates that each book must contain 6,000 words for every ounce of its bound weight. A rather lower ratio may be decreed for educational, technical and juvenile books, in which provision must be made for illustrations or diagrams.

The scheme does not touch the question of prices. The new "words per ounce" book would not only provide more books from the same tonnage of paper, but would also save storage space and provide the reader with a light, easily handled volume.

"What we shall have to impress on the public," said a leading publisher recently, "is that to buy a book consuming a large quantity of paper will be unpatriotic."

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THE MODEST MARSHAL

Had it not been for the Hess episode—plus the curious case histories of the leaders of Nazi Germany—rumours of a rift between Der Fuehrer and the many-uniformed Reich Marshal Goering could be dismissed as sheerest guesses, or what the Italians delight in calling "tendentious" reports. But with the fantastic Odyssey of Nazi No. 3 as a background, it is necessary to remain open-minded about the activities of Nazis 1 and 2.

It is a fact that little has been heard of the large Marshal Goering since his congratulations to the Luftwaffe over its success in Crete. This is in contrast with other major campaigns which the Germans have undertaken. Early in the drive on Poland it was announced that the Marshal was directing the German air force in the field. Just before the attack on Norway Goering warned of a blow in the West. Immediately after the opening of the campaign against the Low Countries and France it was announced that he was again directing operations. Much was made, in Berlin dispatches, of Goering's personal conduct of the Battle of Britain last September, including the report that he had piloted a bomber over London. The plump Hermann was not much in evidence during the Balkan battles, and during the present war with Russia he has apparently disappeared from an exciting and portentous picture. Such modesty on Marshal Goering's part is distinctly unusual and lends a certain colour to the current rumours, however suspect the sources of these rumours may be.

That the stories of the confinement of the second man in the German Reich could be entertained for a moment is a pointed commentary on the revolutionary character of the Hitler regime, the explosive personalities that compose it and its essential lack of stability. One can be sure that in shadowed Germany such stories are circulated under the rose, probably with emendations and enlargements that would seem incredible to better-informed peoples. So far as the world outside is concerned there is no special reason to believe these rumours until more substantial bases are pro-



REGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS?

Black Sea Drama

FOUR men—a Russian, an Afghan, a Caucasian, and an Iranian—are playing their part in the Black Sea drama.

Stalin is included, because the Black Sea's storm clouds are casting their shadows eastwards to Afghanistan; likewise because the Russian-Caucasian dictator, being partly Oriental, has a name that has a bearing upon the reaction of those who may feel the Nazi thrust in the Middle East, in addition to his being directly concerned in the Russo-Nazi struggle.

I once saw Stalin, looking like a weary farmer as he sat on the trunk of a fallen tree, addressing a group of Uzbek peasants. His words were being translated by a Bokharian youth who seemed ill at ease in his embroidered skullcap. The graybeards of the desert shook their heads disapprovingly as they heard him repeat Stalin's remark that Communism was simply their ancient faith in a new version.

In the evening Stalin's disciples harangued the people in the public square. The propagandist dilated fully upon Stalin's association with Lenin since 1903; how he had propagated the great revolutionary doctrines through the columns of *Borba Proletariata*. This was true, but quite beyond the comprehension of the average Turkoman farmer. But when the speaker pointed out that it was Stalin who struggled hard for Central Asian Republics against the thralldom of the Amir of Bokhara, the eyes of his hearers sparkled in appreciation, for here was something which they could understand—something which had benefited them.

But if they are called upon to join in the struggle against the

vided for them. But should the British Isles, as A. P. Herbert, M.P., once said, "shake to an unprecedented third as Reich Marshal Goering—a parachute at each corner—settles on and perhaps submerges the Isle of Wight or Skye," it would be no matter for great surprise.

Germans, the Russian dictator's personality alone will not produce the desired effect. It will have to be something much more potent, a tangible menace, as for example, the arrival of German troops in the ancient cities of Samarkand and Bokhara.

The activities of General Skoropadsky are of interest here because their hordes toward Iran and beyond. I met him years ago in Paris, when he lived in rather humble circumstances in the French capital. But poverty had not broken him. This 70-year-old leader of the Cossacks bore himself as a Duke.

Sitting in a chilly room with a November wind lashing snowflakes on the curtainless windows

By
Sirdar Ikbal
Ali Shah

of his apartment, he regaled me with stories of long ago when, as the Ukraine also looms large in Central Asia, as the last barrier before the Germans may hurl a dashing young Colonel of the Cossacks, he acted aide-camp to the Czar, and had actually become ruler of the Ukraine when the province was under German occupation during the World War.

Later in exile, he organised the National Caucasus Movement against the Soviets with Nazi money; then went to Istanbul offering to incorporate his country into the Turkish Republic. If he could be made king of the Ukraine once again. But Kemal Ataturk declined the offer.

For 20 years Skoropadsky has waited, ever planning, plotting, and keeping, in close touch with his "cells" not only in the Ukraine but also in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia.

This soldier of fortune got his chance with the advent of the Nazi in France. Supplied with money and precise instructions regarding fifth-column activities, thousands of Skoropadsky's men await Hitler's command to move upon the Ukraine and join the

terrorist anti-Soviet movement—Ukrainska Vjiskova Organizatsia—they hope to enthrone Skoropadsky by accepting Nazi tutelage. In this way they plan to make the Black Sea a German lake so that Nazi forces may move to the wells of Baku or carry on their thrust toward Iraq and Iran.

In Iran, the one man of importance until recently was Reza Shah Pahlavi. Soldier-minded and soldier-born, he rose from the ranks. First a trooper, then captain, colonel, War Minister, Prime Minister, till, by evicting the Kajar dynasty of soft-living Shaha of Persia, he was elected as Shahanshah (the King of Kings) in 1925. Like his Turkish counterpart, Kemal, he created a modern state, destroying tribal and feudal domination and reorganising and re-equipping the army. He controlled the power of the clergy, placed public finance in a sound state, revived industry, and strove hard to make Iran a self-sufficient country. Without borrowing from foreigners, he financed from national resources construction of an 870-mile-long Trans-Iranian railway line which connects the Persian Gulf with the Caspian Sea.

The last important figure is His Royal Highness Sirdar Mohamed Hashim Khan—the Afghan Prime Minister. He is the uncle of the youthful Afghan monarch, Mohamed Zahir Shah. Religious and hard-working, he began life as a Civil Servant during the regime of the ex-King Amanullah Khan, and rose to the status of a Governor. Thence he was transferred to the army, where he rose to the rank of general and fought hard in cooperation with his brother, the late Mohamed Nadir Shah, in the recent war of Afghan Revolution.

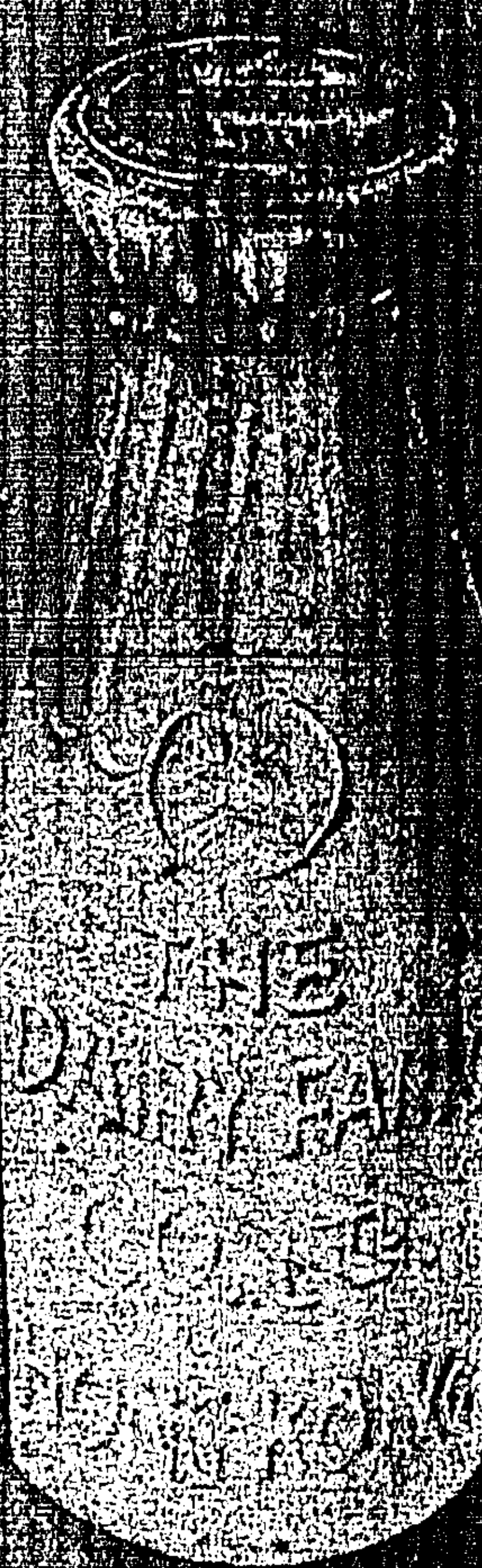
Since then he has been Prime Minister at Kabul. He has organised Afghan trade, education, and industry upon modern lines, with the result that the Afghanistan of to-day has no national debt, and agriculture and industrialisation have improved to the point of approaching self-sufficiency.

In diplomatic dealings a neutral course is being followed in Afghanistan, for the Prime Minister carries the nation with him in desiring peace in the land and good relations with its neighbours. The young king recently emphasised Afghanistan's neutrality during the present war.

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Studios Now Forced To Sell Films On Individual Merits

"THE BIGGEST revolution in the industry since motion pictures found a voice." That is the way some leading Hollywood producers describe the new "Consent Decree," which went into effect in the United States on Sept. 1, writes Lon Jones in "Sydney Morning Herald."

This decree forces studios to sell each film on its individual merits, and prohibits the sale of a studio's entire output, sight unseen, which until now has been the practice.

The biggest number of films that any one studio may sell to an exhibitor at any one time from now on is five. These five films will have to be shown to the exhibitor before he makes any decision, and he has the right to reject all.

Many producers at first thought that exhibitors would be allowed only a 40 per cent. rejection, but have since found out that it is to be 100 per cent. It can readily be seen that the decree gives exhibitors unlimited powers in dictating to Hollywood just what kind of films they want made, and just who they want starred in them.

A "Revolution"

The exhibitor becomes the most important critic in the country, and it is not difficult to understand why some producers allude to the decree as a "revolution."

Producers, instead of worrying about what Hollywood and New York newspaper critics think of their new pictures, will now be more concerned with the reactions of some leading exhibitor who owns a chain of big movie houses.

If this exhibitor gives an expensive production a bad notice and refuses to put it into his theatres, other exhibitors are likely to follow his lead and the film never will see the light of day unless the studio takes it back and re-shoots it.

From now on, major studios (Columbia, Universal, and United Artists) are not affected by the decree) will preview their blocks of five films at 40 big trade showings at various trade centres all over the nation. Next day, sales departments will know whether they have "hits" or "flops" on their hands. If exhibitors turn thumbs down on certain films they will be shelved or perhaps sold at greatly reduced prices in order to get rid of them.

Under the old system, any old film could get by on a double bill, and even expensive pictures that failed to live up to expectations and were caustically criticised by newsmen would get first-class release because exhibitors were forced to show them under their agreement to take a studio's entire yearly output.

The New Dictator

Studios are frankly worried. They realise that exhibitors will not only be able to dictate the type of stories they want made into films, but will also, no doubt, exercise tremendous influence on the casting of those films. Producers are afraid that some exhibitors will use coercion to force them to use certain stars and discard others.

It would be a great pity for the future of the industry if they attempted such a thing. Exhibitors, now they have broken the monopoly of block booking, should set out to fight for better motion pictures and the end of double bills. It would be silly to break one monopoly only to set up a new one.

Some producers claim that most exhibitors are notoriously bad judges of what the public likes and dislikes. They also claim that exhibitors are responsible for the various cycles of pictures.

Cruel Criticism

Because one type of picture made money, producers state that exhibitors have requested that that type be repeated until the public also point to the fact that two years ago the head of the New York Independent Theatre Owners, Harry Brandt, took a full-page advertisement in a Hollywood trade newspaper to tell Hollywood that certain stars were "poison at the box office." Among the stars listed were Joan Crawford, Marlene Dietrich, Katherine Hepburn, and Edward Arnold. To-day these stars are enjoying their greatest triumphs and popularity.

However, it must not be forgot-

ten that this sharp and cruel criticism might have had the effect of forcing studios to find better vehicles for the stars mentioned and forcing the stars to give better performances.

The first big trade showing was held recently in Hollywood, but it was not a great success. Smaller exhibitors preferred to wait and see how the films made out in the first-run theatres before committing themselves. So it looks as though the chain theatre exhibitors will dictate the future of the film industry.

It might be appropriate to predict that studios will absorb huge chains of theatres themselves to assure an outlet of all films.

WAR IN RUSSIA CLOSELY WATCHED IN WASHINGTON

News from the Russian front indicating that the struggle there has reached a critical phase is being closely watched in Washington, the correspondent of the New York "Sun" reported.

Early in the Soviet campaign, official quarters had expressed fears of a speedy German victory, but the desperate resistance put up by the Russians alleviated these fears. These quarters then believed that the front would be stabilised west of the Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev line, and that the German armies would be immobilised during the winter.

This opinion has been shattered to-day. Observers consider that events in Russia cannot but strengthen the determination of the United States to intensify its aid to Great Britain.

On the whole, the capital city is resolved to bring its task to a successful conclusion, whether the Soviet army collapses, resists, or retreats in good order behind the Ural mountains.

The events in Russia seem to be weakening the isolationist faction owing to the increasing threat against Britain and the United States.

420,000 HARDSHIP CLAIMS

The Ministry of Pensions has, so far, dealt with 420,000 cases in connection with hardship grants for men serving in the Forces.

TROUSER BUTTONS SCARCITY

There is such a scarcity of trousers buttons in England that men will probably soon have to salvage buttons from their old trousers to enable them to have buttons on their new ones.

The difficulty is that men's trouser buttons are made out of "vegetable ivory"—actually corozo nuts and gum nuts—which have to be imported. Corozo comes from Ecuador and gum from the Sudan.

The general manager of one of the largest trouser button factories in Britain said recently, "although we are making every effort to improvise substitute materials, that is almost impossible, because of the rigid control on the import of metal and casein, the only two alternatives."

GERMAN APATHY TO WAR FILMS

Speaking from Stockholm, Bernard Valery, of the Columbia broadcasting system, referred to "reports about the relative weakness in the morale of the German population which daily reach Stockholm."

He reported an appeal to cinema audiences published in the German Press. This urged people to show more enthusiasm for military news reels, and warned them that their attitude of indifference, which was "due either to thoughtlessness or something worse," would not be tolerated.



Ann Miller and Noel Arnox are the principals in "Too Many Girls," RKO Radio picture showing at the King's Theatre to-day.

LONG-NOSE BLENHEIMS ARRIVE IN MALAYA

THE OFFENSIVE STRENGTH of the Royal Air Force in the Far East has been further reinforced by the arrival in Singapore of a large number of the latest type long-nose Bristol Blenheim bombers.

For some months it has been the policy to strengthen the Royal Air Force in Malaya by aircraft from the United States. But in recent weeks, apart from the arrival of large numbers of officers and men, there has arrived from British factories maintenance equipment together with complete aircraft.

This means that the Royal Air Force in the Far East is now being fed in men and material from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

The crew of this aircraft consists of the pilot, the navigator bomb-aimer and the rear gunner, who mans the upper turret just aft of the wings.

Used Over Germany

The long-nose Blenheim, which is an improvement on the short-nose Blenheim, has been successfully used in large numbers of operations both by the Bomber Command and by the Coastal Command in Great Britain.

These operations have taken the machines well over the industrial heart of Germany as well as the so-called "invasion ports" of France, the Low Countries and Norway.

More than any other type of British bomber, the Blenheim bore the brunt of the Allied counter-attack during the days of the Battle of France. Day after day, continually attacked by the numerically superior opposition, these planes harassed the enemy's advance by bombing troop columns and mechanised units, blowing up bridges and blocking roads.

300 Miles An Hour

Blenheims also played their part in the historic four-day defence of the Calais Citadel by dropping water, ammunition and hand-grenades to the beleaguered British troops. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire, our bombers went down to 50 feet to discharge their valuable cargo. Nearly all the British planes were hit.

The long-nose Blenheim has two Bristol Mercury XV engines giving a total of 1,840 horse-power for take-off and a top speed of nearly 300 miles an hour at 15,000 feet. Fully loaded it has an endurance of at least six hours.

UNWANTED, AIDED US

Pilot Officer Harold Isaac Coriat stepped from an R.A.F. bomber after a raid on Brest to find detectives waiting for him.

Coriat was described as a man who, by false pretences, obtained the right to flight for this country when he pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to making a statement, in an application for a commission in the R.A.F.V.R., having reason to believe it would mislead certain persons in the discharge of their duties.

He was bound over for two years.

Born in Morocco

Mr. L. A. Byrne, prosecuting, said Coriat declared he was Robert Coriat, 34, born at Bideford, but he was 38, born in Morocco, of an English mother and a French father.

Evidence was given of four convictions.

Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., said he understood that Coriat was transferred with an excellent character from an officers' training unit.

Wing-Commander J. A. Powell said that the courage Coriat had shown was up to the standard of the Royal Air Force. He would be a loss to the R.A.F.

Mr. Byrne said that Coriat had been dismissed.

£8 A WEEK AT 16

A boy, aged 16 put on probation at Bath for appropriating women's under-wear, was said to be earning £8 a week. He was careful with his money it was stated.

DECREE NISI TO R.N.R. OFFICER IN SINGAPORE

A ROYAL NAVAL Reserve Officer returning home from patrol duty found a letter left by his wife in which she stated that she had decided to go away with another man, it was stated in the Singapore High Court before the Chief Justice, Sir Percy McElwaine, during the hearing of a divorce suit.

The parties were A. J. Wilson, petitioner, and Katherine George Wilson. The co-respondent was P. J. Coleclough.

Wilson, who alleged that his wife had lived with Coleclough as husband and wife, said that he had made repeated efforts to get his wife to give up the other man.

Sir Percy granted a decree nisi to be made absolute in six months.

The suit was undefended. At the outset Mr. F. G. Vaux, who had originally been engaged by the respondent, asked Sir Percy's permission to leave the court as, he said, he would be of little assistance to the court. No defence had been filed and neither the respondent nor the co-respondent were present, he added.

The Petitioner

Dr. C. H. Withers Payne, counsel for the petitioner, then called his client to the witness box.

Alfred John Wilson told the court that he married the respondent in Shanghai in July 1931. In August 1939, he said, he was employed as first officer in a ship and in the same month his ship had orders to come to Singapore, arriving here on September 11 with his wife.

Up to that time, went on Wilson, he and his wife lived a happy, normal life.

When his ship was taken over by the Navy he was given a temporary commission as First Lieutenant in the Royal Naval Reserve. Continuing, Wilson said he and his wife lived with friends for about three months, after which he took a flat in Eu Court, later moving to a house in Oxley Road.

His duties as a R.N.R. officer, Wilson continued, took him away on patrol work for several days at a time, and on returning the ship would remain in port for some days before going on patrol again.

Wilson said that he first met Coleclough in December 1939, and when he went to live in the flat at Eu Court, Coleclough lived with him and his wife as a paying guest in April 1940.

"In October the same year," continued the petitioner, "my wife told me that she had fallen in love with Coleclough. She said she was still fond of me but did not want me as her husband, and she asked me to divorce her."

Chased Him Out

Instead of agreeing to her proposal, Wilson said, he sent her to her people in Shanghai for a holiday to see if she would change her mind about Coleclough.

Questioned by Dr. Withers Payne as to what happened to Coleclough, Wilson said that he "chased him out of the house."

Wilson went on to say that his wife returned from Shanghai on January 2, this year. He was in hospital as a patient at the time.

"I saw she had not changed her mind, so I sent her back to Shanghai in February," added Wilson. "She returned to Singapore in May and continued to associate with Coleclough."

He said he was still on naval patrols and on returning home after an absence of 12 days he found his wife had left the house. She left a letter saying that she had made up her mind and had gone away with Coleclough up-country.

A Telegram

"I sent her a telegram addressed to the Station Hotel at Kuala Lumpur," Wilson said. "After receiving a reply by letter I went to Kuala Lumpur to see her and try and get her to change her mind."

Wilson said he failed to get her to come back to Singapore with him and she told him that if he wanted proof against her he would find it at the Majestic Hotel, where they had registered as man and wife.

Continuing, Wilson said he returned to Singapore and consulted his solicitors. He said he had a nervous breakdown and was invalided out of the R.N.R., but was still with the shipping company. Wilson added that there was no issue of the marriage.

After hearing evidence to the effect that the respondent and co-respondent had occupied the same room in a Singapore hotel in June this year, Sir Percy found that adultery had been committed.

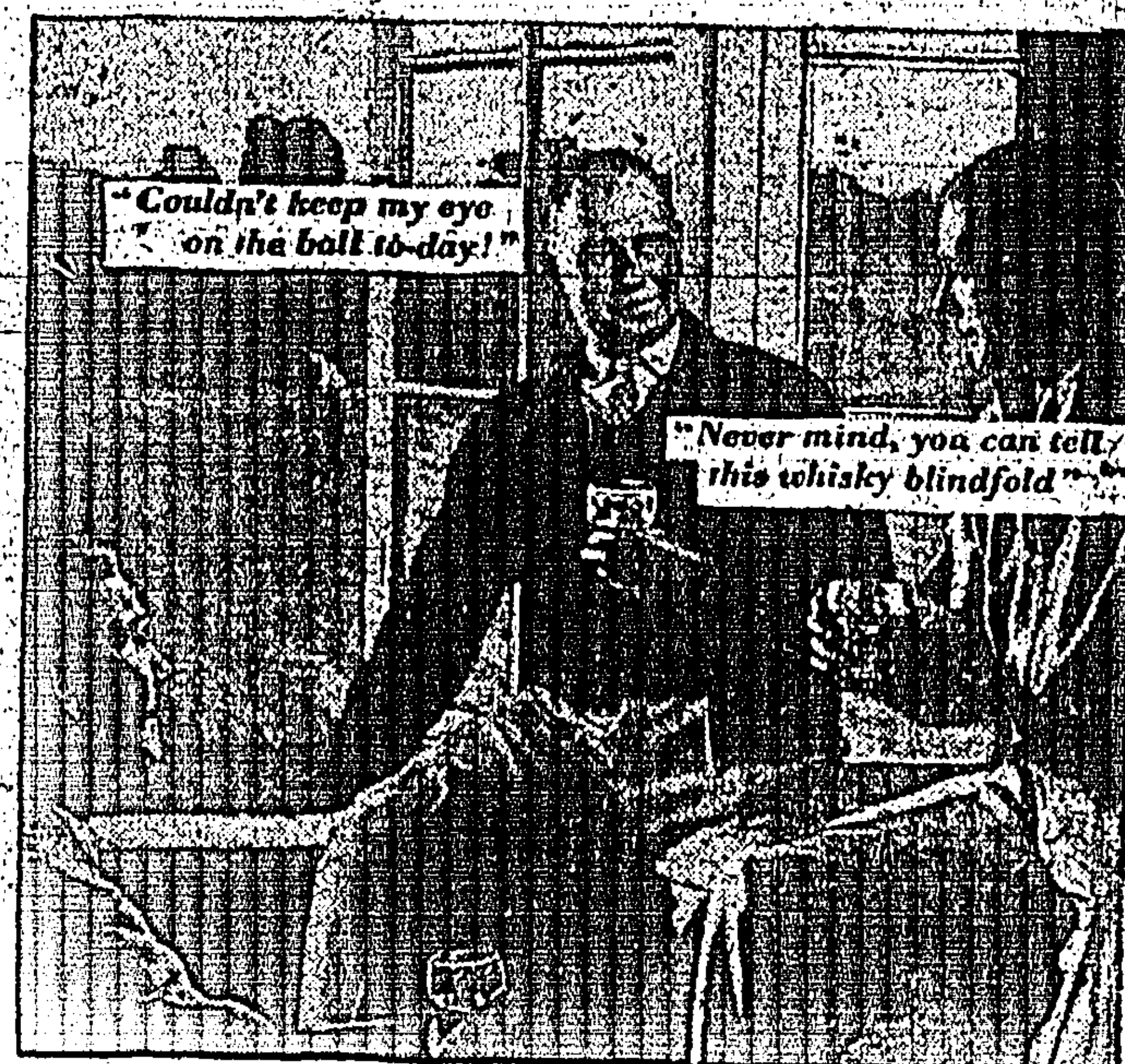
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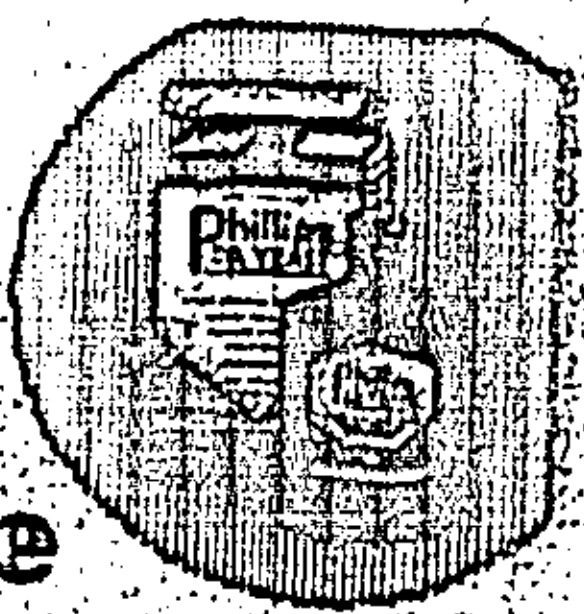
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BRIDGE NOTES

RISKING THE CONTRACT

By The Four Aces

The national bridge tournament now being held at Asbury Park, N. J., brings to mind an interesting point of tournament play there last year:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K 3 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ K 6 3
♣ A Q 8 7

WEST

♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ 10 9
♦ 8 5
♣ K 10 9 5 4

EAST

♠ 10
♥ K Q J 8 7
♦ J 10 9 7 5
♣ J 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	2♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of hearts, and South took stock. He could count ten tricks which could be taken "on the run." If the hand were being played at rubber bridge, therefore, it would be correct for South to take his ten tricks and let it go at that. But the fact that he was playing tournament bridge made South reconsider.

The hand was going to be played (like all tournament hands) at many tables, and South had to get as good a result as was obtained by any other player scheduled to play the hand. He could see that if the other Souths played the hand at spades, they would make either ten or eleven tricks, depending on the success of the club finesse—which they could take without danger. Furthermore, if at other tables a heart was not the opening lead, the club finesse could be taken without risk.

If the club finesse succeeded, those who took it would beat his score regardless of whether they were playing a spade or a no-trump contract. The danger was obvious: if the finesse lost, he might lose his contract. So the burning question was: Ought he risk his contract just for the chance to make an extra trick?

At rubber bridge, as we have pointed out, the answer would be a resounding "no." But South thought it over along the lines described and quite properly decided to take the finesse. When it succeeded, he was assured of a good score.

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Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schneider	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bidding is strong, but slam seems too remote for you to risk the game contract by going any higher. You have no fit for clubs, and may not be able to avoid the loss of a diamond—and some other trick, even if you can win the first or second diamond in the dummy.

Score: 100% for pass, 30% for five hearts or four no-trump.

Question No. 834

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schneider	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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DAMAGED BOMBER HOME

Over Germany a bomber pilot heard his rear gunner's voice, "Hullo, Skipper . . .", and then the splutter of shells and machine gun bullets. A Messerschmitt 110 was pouring out a stream of cannon shells and incendiary machine-gun bullets. The perspex in the rear turret was completely shot away and the gunner was wounded in the face. But at once he fired back and he saw his bullets hitting the enemy. After one burst the Messerschmitt dived away.

The bomber crew had attacked a German town and driven off a fighter, but they now had to bring the damaged bomber home. They had to work quickly, for the enemy's incendiaries had set fire to parts of the fuselage. The rear gunner stamped out the flames. When this was done there was more damage to consider. The wireless aerials had been shot away, the wires controlling the rudders were severed; there were holes in the wings, and the undercarriage had been hit. It was a difficult flight and a difficult landing, for when the wheels first touched ground, the pilot found that one tyre had been punctured. But he made a safe landing.

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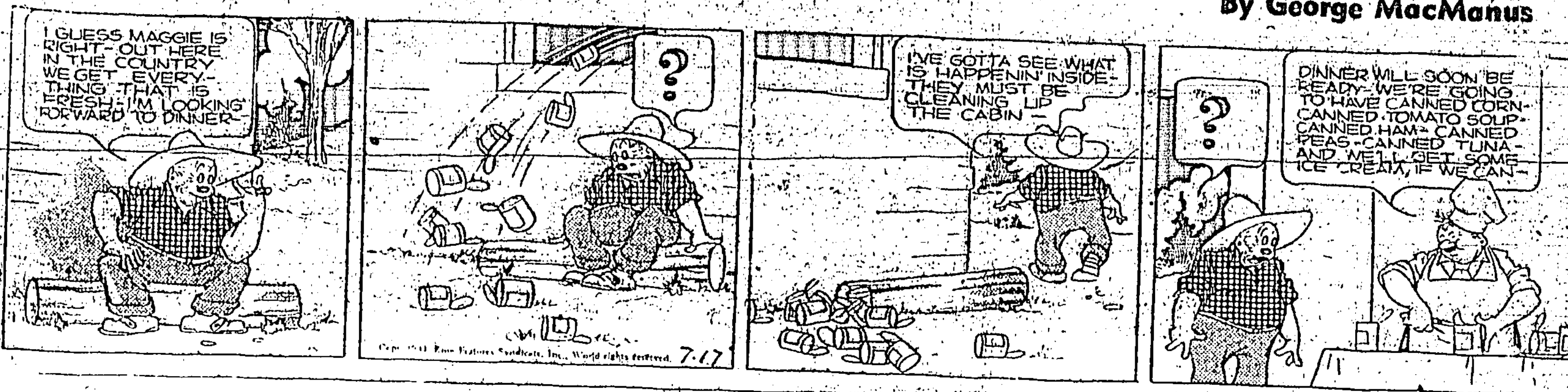
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Wearing shields in every dress is no longer considered a chore for the newer designs make changing a simple job. In fact, the newest shield may be sent right along to the dry cleaner without injury to the inner, protective lining. It is fashioned of a new synthetic rubber that is so extremely lightweight that you scarcely know the shields are in your clothes.

If you prefer washable shields there are those tissue thin, lightweight ones which may be pinned into one's gown in a jiffy. These are made with a shorter upper flap for wear with short sleeves, and the longer lower flap still adequately protects the dress from perspiration. For long sleeved dresses the larger shield is suggested as they have uniform flaps and protect a greater area of material. Women who perspire very freely should always buy the larger shield. Both styles are easily washed in warm, soapy water and require no ironing.

For Dolman Sleeves

As the dolman sleeve seems to be having a definite vogue the manufacturers have introduced a dual purpose dress shield which protects gowns of that design. It is cut on the lines of a bolero jacket with dress shields permanently attached and it not only affords underarm protection but also serves as a back lining preventing shoulder-blade perspiration from discolouring or injuring one's dress. The bolero is made of a fine quality batiste of light weight and does not interfere with the bust line of the gown. This particular shield is a great help to busy career women who find it difficult to take the time to change shields nightly.



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The juice is soon extracted from the berries, as over-ripe fruit is preferable for the flavour. Prepare them by picking over well and removing mouldy or spoiled fruit. Dirty berries can be rinsed clean in a colander under a slow running tap. Do not bother to pick out the stems, as these are removed as the pulp is strained.

Place the weighed fruit in a basin, add half-pint cold water to each pound of fruit, and heat slowly over a saucepan of boiling water till the juice flows freely. From time to time crush the fruit with a wooden spoon.

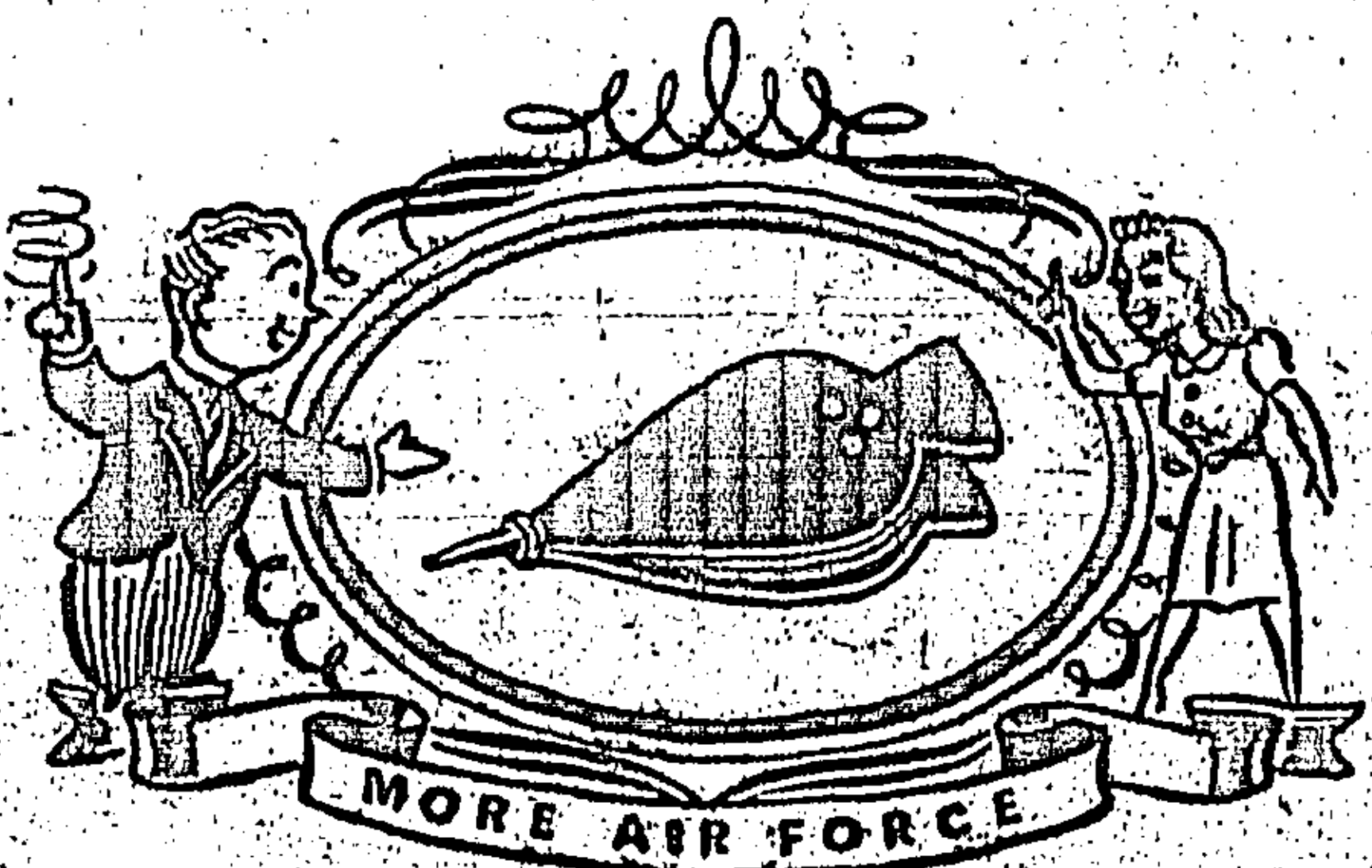
Next turn the whole of the fruit with juice into a scalded jelly bag, and hang up so that the juice can drip through.

When all the juice has dripped through bring it to the boil in a large enamel or preserving pan and turn into hot, dry jars, filling them to within two inches of the screw-cap level.

Put the tops on the jars - not fully screwed down - place on a rack in a large fish kettle or steriliser completely covered with cold water. Bring slowly to the simmer point - 165 deg. Fahrenheit - and keep there steadily for half an hour.

Remove the jars, place on a wooden table, and allow to cool for storage. If patent jars have been used, now is the time to tighten the screw-bands while they are hot. Store in a cool, dry place ready as emergency food for the winter.

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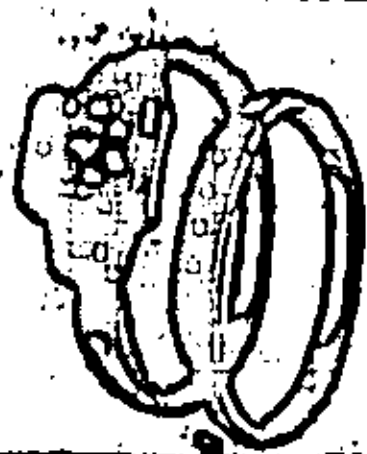
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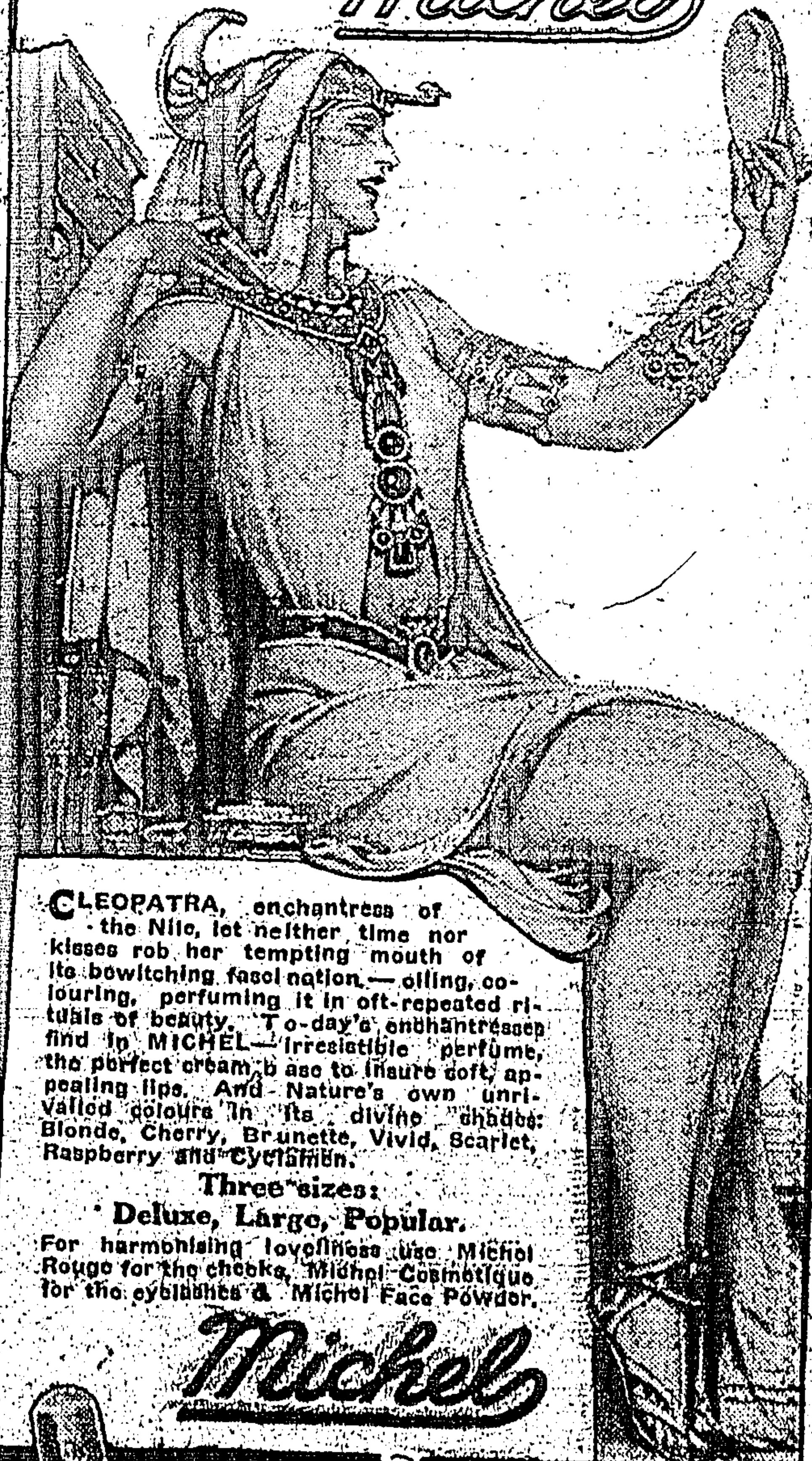
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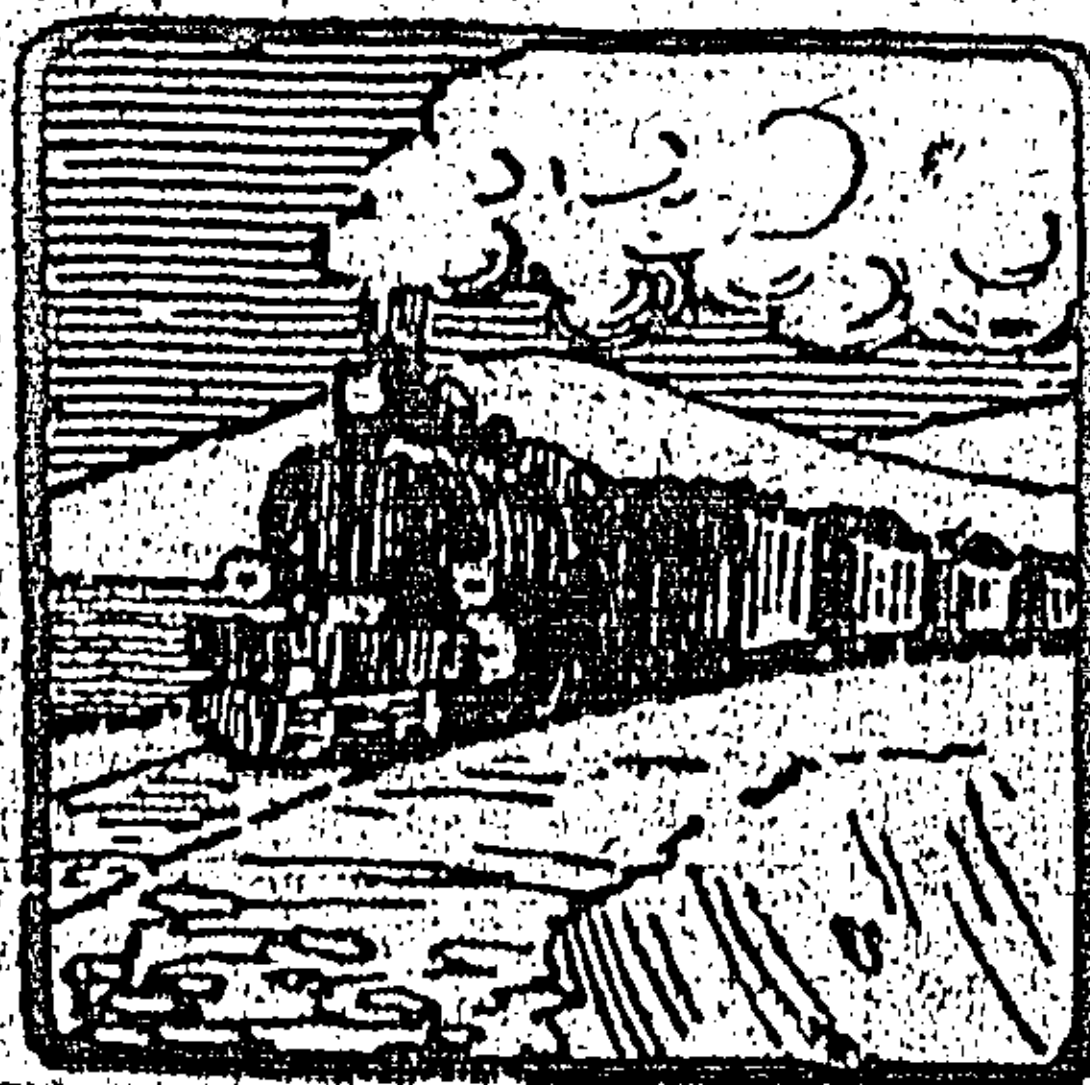
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12.30 p.m.—Film Selections.

"Outside Of Paradise"—Outside Of Paradise: A Sweet-Irish-Sweetheart Of Mine... Phil Regan (Vocal) with Orchestra.

"On The Avenue"—Selection... Louis Levy & his Gaymont-Bellish Symphonion.

"Big Broadcast of 1939"—New Thanks For The Memory... Thanks For The Memory... Two Sleepy People... Bob Hope & Shirley Ross (Vocal) with Orchestra.

"Everybody Sing"—Selection... Louis Levy & his Orchestra.

"The Lilac Domino"—My Heart Will Be Dancing... June Knight (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Mozart—Divertimento, No. 17 in D Major. The London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Hamilton Harty.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ. Cloister Shadows (Hope); Song Of Paradise (King); Serenade (Mousorgsky); Seville (from "Cities of Romance"—Haydn Wood); Lulworth Cove (Shadwell)... with The B.B.C. Variety Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Concert Waltzes. Sweetest Of All; Golden Rain (Waldteufel); Vienna Citizen (Ziehrer); Indian Summer (Loehr)... Orchestra Mascotte.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—My Wubba Dolly... Lew Stone & his Band.

Slow Fox-Trots—I Hear A Dream Come Home Again; Why Couldn't It Last Last Night?... Oscar Rabin and his Band.

Fox-Trots—Memories Of You; Soft Winds... Benny Goodman's Sextet.

Fox-Trots—If I Only Had A Brain; If I Only Had A Heart (both from the film "Wizard Of Oz")... Victor Young & his Orchestra.

Tangos—Moonlight On The Rio Grande; Fireflowers... Heinz Hupertz & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—We Three (My Echo, My Shadow & Me); Five O'Clock Whistle... Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Waltz—If Tears Could Bring You Back; Quick-Step—On The Sunny Side Of The Street... Victor Silvester & his Ballroom Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Old Time Variety.

Vocal—Ellaline Terriss & Seymour Hicks Medley—Intro: Honey-suckle And The Bee; Only A Penny, Sir; Simple Little String; Church Parade; Louisiana Lou; I Want Her, Ma Honey; And Her Golden Hair Was Hanging Down Her Back... Ellaline Terriss & Seymour Hicks with Orch.

Orchestral—Jubilee Dance Memories No. 1—Intro: I'm Afraid To Go Home In The Dark; Alexander's Ragtime Band; Oh, You Beautiful Doll; Get Out & Get Under; Underneath The Stars; Hello! Who's Your Lady Friend?; If You Were The Only Girl In The World; Let The Great Big World Keep Turning; Good-bye... The New Mayfair Orchestra.

Vocal—Billy Merson Memories—Intro: Signora; A Prairie Life For Me; On The Good Ship Yacht Hicki Doola... Billy Merson & Chorus with Orchestra.

Organ—Good Old Songs Medley—Intro: Daisy Bell (Dacre); Nellie Dean (Armstrong); The Man Who Broke The Bank At Monte Carlo (Gilbert); Here We Are Again (Godfrey & Williams); T-a-r-a-boom-de-ay (Savers); Down At The Old Bull & Bush (von Tilke)... Reginald Foort.

Vocal Medley—The Naughty Nineties—Intro: Maiden's Prayer; While London's Fast Asleep; Two Lovely Black Eyes; As Your Hair Grows Whiter; Glorious Beer... Old Timer Sketch Company with Fred Hartley's Quintet.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

The Spinning Wheel (Rawicz); In A Persian Market (Kotelsky); Fiedermans—Fantasy (Strauss)—arr. Rawicz & Landauer.

Gipsy Baron—Fantasy (Strauss).

9.15 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

"The Arcadians"—Selection (Montclon)... The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Sorcerer"—Vocal Gems (Sullivan)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.

"Lilac Time"—Selection (Schubert, arr. Chittam)... The New Mayfair Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on 9.45 p.m.—Magyar: Imre, and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

You Are The Fellow; My Little Velvet Hat; Oh! How Long It Seems; Hungarian Czardas; George Nagy.

SPITFIRES CAN TAKE IT

In the Battle of Britain last year Royal Air Force fighter pilots frequently brought their Spitfires and Hurricanes back to their aerodromes shot to pieces by enemy fire. "Pieces of lace," they used to call them, and it was a miracle how some of them flew at all.

The modern British fighter machines are even tougher than those of last year—they have to be, for now that the daylight air war front has swung to the other side of the Channel the pilots have further to fly back after their dog-fights.

The pilot of one Spitfire which got back badly damaged shot down two Me. 109's well inside France, before he had to cut and run for home.

"I was hit by cannon shells from an Me. 109 which must have got on my tail," he said. "The port aileron controls were damaged, the control column was knocked out of my hand and the aircraft went into a spin. I recovered after I had passed through cloud and found myself 1,000 feet about Bethune."

"The machine appeared to be still flyable though the left wing was very low on account of the damage to the controls. In addition, the port wing flap and undercarriage mechanism were damaged, large parts of the panelling had been damaged by splinters of cannon shell and splinters had entered my left arm and left thigh."

"The oil pressure gauge regis-

(Boka Karoly): You Can't Forbid A Flower; The Sleeves Of My Jacket Are Tied Up; My Sweetie Is Roaming About; How I Could Lament; Hungarian Quick Czardas Dances—Potpourri.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Two Songs by Theodore Charlappine (Bass).

Patter Song (from "Russian & Lullaby"—Glinka).

Aria Of The Miller (from "Rousalka"—Dargomizhsky).

10.25 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 6 in E Minor, Op. 94.

1st Mov. Andante-Allegro, con anima; 2nd Mov. Andante-cantabile, con alcuna licenza; 3rd Mov. Valse (Allegro Moderato); 4th Mov. Finale (Andante-maestoso-Allegro vivace)—Moderato assai e molto maestoso—Presto... Leopold Stokowski & The Philadelphia Orch.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

tered only 10 lbs. per square inch, but as the temperature remained normal, I assumed that the gauge was damaged—this later proved to be the case."

"I climbed into cloud, flying towards Gravelines, and remained in it until it ended over St. Omer, where I was fired on by anti-aircraft batteries. I flew over a number of aerodromes at 3,000 feet, crossed the French coast about 6 feet up and continued at the same height over the Channel."

"Owing to the damage to the undercarriage I decided to crash land at base—which I did successfully."

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RAKUSEN IS GIVEN ANXIOUS TIME BY MACKAY IN OPEN

M. N. RAKUSEN, COLONY LAWN BOWLS CHAMPION, CAME VERY NEAR TO BEING ELIMINATED IN THE 1941 COLONY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN, PLAYING N. A. E. MACKAY IN THE SECOND ROUND AT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB YESTERDAY, HE WON ONLY BY 21-18 AFTER 25 ENDS. HE WAS TRAILING 17-10 AT THE 24TH.

In addition to the above game, 12 other Second Round ties were decided, all those resulting as expected, the onliest win of the day being credited to U. M. Omar who in beating Y. Abbas by 21-4, took 11 ends to reach game, allowing his opponent to score at only two ends!

A. R. DALLAH, FINALIST IN 1939, SHOWED GOOD FORM WHEN HE BEAT H. NISH 22-8 AFTER 18 ENDS, THE FORMER WINDING UP WITH A "POSSIBLE" TO FINISH A GOOD DAY'S BOWLING. BUT HIS CLUBMATE, S. M. RUMJAHN, TOOK 24 ENDS TO SCORE 22 AGAINST DOWMAN'S 18.

J. Shepherd, Police R. C. skip, had a surprisingly easy win over A. H. Rumjahn and B. W. Bradbury beat J. H. Gelling, after 19 ends, by 21-8 at Civil Service Cricket Club.

Walker Succeeds

At Police Recreation Club W. L. Walker beat D. A. Rozario by 21-10 at the 21st end.

The score was eight all at the 12th but Walker with 2 3 2 1 1 took the lead to 17-8 at the 17th. After conceding a two at the next end he finished with 1 1 2.

W. L. Walker: 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 0 2 3 2 1 1 1 1 2 = 21
D. A. Rozario: 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 = 10

Aitken Through

At Hong Kong Football Club J. C. Aitken beat W. Ward by 21-9 at the 16th end.

Aitken was down 8-6 at the 9th but with 4 1 2 4 2 led 19-8 at the 14th. Ward then scored a single but Aitken finished the game with a two.

J. C. Aitken: 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 4 1 2 4 2 0 2 = 21
W. Ward: 0 2 0 0 1 0 2 1 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 9

Bradbury Wins Easily

At Civil Service Cricket Club B. W. Bradbury beat J. H. Gelling by 21-8 at the 19th end.

Bradbury led by only 9-7 at the 10th but was leading 20-7 at the 17th with 1 2 2 1 3 1 1. Gelling scored a single at the next end and at the following end Bradbury obtained the necessary shot to win.

B. W. Bradbury: 1 0 1 0 2 0 4 0 1 0 1 2 2 1 3 1 1 0 1 = 21
J. H. Gelling: 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 8

Shepherd's Good Finish

At Civil Service Cricket Club, J. Shepherd beat A. H. Rumjahn by 21-10 at the 21st end.

Shepherd led 14-4 at the 12th but Rumjahn with 1 1 1 1 2 reduced the lead to 14-10 at the 17th. This was the last of his scoring as Shepherd ran out with 2 3 1 1.

J. Shepherd: 0 0 2 2 1 0 0 3 1 1 2 2 0 0 0 2 3 1 1 = 21
A. H. Rumjahn: 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 = 10

1939 Finalist Wins

At Club de Recreio, A. R. Dallah beat H. Nish by 22-8 at the 18th end.

Dallah led 5-0 at the third and 13-2 at the 9th. He took the lead to 18-5 at the 15th. Nish then scored a single and a two but Dallah scored a four at the next.

A. R. Dallah: 1 2 2 0 2 2 1 2 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 0 4 = 22
H. Nish: 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 = 8

Omar's 4 Threes

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, U. M. Omar beat Y. Abbas by 21-4 at the 11th end.

Abbas scored at only two ends, a single at the second and a three at the 6th, while Omar included

SHANGHAI SWIMMING SEASON

EARLY IN THE SUMMER WHEN SHANGHAI AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION MET FOR THE FIRST TIME LITTLE HOPE WAS ENTERAINED THAT THE SEASON WOULD BE ANYTHING BUT MEDIOCRE AND LACKING IN NEW TALENT, WRITES THE "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS." THERE WAS CERTAINLY GOOD REASONS FOR THIS ASSUMPTION.

All of the outstanding swimmers of the past two years—Dick Hall in the breast stroke, the sensational Jackie Lumsdaine of back stroke fame and "Toby" Gavriloff, Shanghai's leading free style swimmer in a decade, were no longer in the city. Archie Logan, veteran of many years of first-class swimming competition, had retired. Bobbie Hekking, last year's sprint champion, was reported to be suffering from a weak heart. Charlie Butt was still a mere youngster.

But, undaunted, the Committee of the S.A.S.A., under the able leadership of Mr. Jack Dearn, himself a prominent figure in local swimming circles for many years, worked hard to maintain the standard of previous years—and succeeded nobly into the bargain.

Chie A Newcomer To Shanghai

First indications that a new swimming star had flashed on the local horizon were received at the heats of the A.S.F. Gala on Wednesday, August 13, when T. S. Chie—a newcomer to Shanghai—beat Hekking in the 220 yards free style. Chie displayed promise of better things to come and he did not disappoint these prognosticators in the final on Saturday, when Hekking and the Chinese star battled neck-and-neck throughout the entire 220 yards in one of the most thrilling races seen here in a long time.

Hekking managed to win—by a touch—in the good time of 2 minutes 37-3/5 seconds, which though eight seconds above the record established by "Toby" Gavriloff in 1939, was the best performance in the last few years.

880 Yards Record Lowered

Chie vindicated contentions that he would improve the longer the distance he swam by scoring an easy victory in the 440 yards the following week, defeating Hekking by some 25 yards in the excellent time of 5 minutes 43-4/5 seconds. Outside the record of 5 minutes 34-1/5 seconds set up by M. Matsushita in 1936, this was the best performance in the 440 ever seen in a local competition.

Chie climaxed his meteoric appearance in local swimming with a record-breaking achievement in the 880 yards when he shattered the mark of 12 minutes 5-3/5 seconds, established by Don Smith, in 1936, by 11 seconds. The Chinese was never extended throughout the race—all the other competitors with the exception of G. Stephen

with 12 0 1 1 took the lead at 18-17 at the 24th, but a four at the next end gave the champion victory.

M. N. Rakusen: 1 0 3 1 0 0 0 1 2 1 2 0 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 4 = 21
N.A.E. Mackay: 0 4 0 0 1 1 2 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 2 0 = 18

POSTPONED GAMES

Following matches were postponed—

W. K. Way v E. Zimmer
J. Noronha v J. McKelvie
J. Hempey v A. Eapsley

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—From a perusal of the report on the semi-finals of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls game played yesterday, my friends and I do not agree with the report of your scribe in that the elder Omar once again carried the young one in their triumph, as is the wont of this particular scribe in his other descriptions of their games. Young Omar lent his weight admirably throughout and, although there is no gainsaying the fact that the elder Omar played as well as was to be expected, "A.M." was worth his weight in gold to his brother.

SPECTATOR.

scratching earlier in the evening—but he maintained a steady driving pace that easily swept the record by the board.

Further Laurels To Chie

Further laurels were added to this performance by the fact that Chie covered the first 440 yards in 5 minutes 20 seconds, thus unofficially breaking the local record for this distance with nearly 15 seconds to spare! It was the only record of the season—but one that Shanghai could well be proud of considering local conditions.

Bobbie Hekking proved a big disappointment this year in the shorter free style events, possibly through his weak heart, being nearly edged out by R. Leoni of the A.S.F. in the 100 yards and bowing to H. Ballerand in a sensational upset in the 50 yards. Hekking recorded 59-4/5 seconds in the 100, more than a second above the mark he clocked in 1940, while the 50 yards event was won in 26-3/5 seconds—the slowest time since 1931. The only hope next year in these championships is young Charlie Butt, a 15-year-old youngster who promises to smash all local free style records before long.

Butt Approaches 25 Secs. Flat

Swimming in the Foreign "Y" championship Butt actually recorded 26-1/5 seconds for the 50 yards, while he is reported to have come close to 25 flat during training this year. He had little difficulty in winning both Shanghai Junior Championships, taking the 220 yards free style in 2 minutes 41-3/5 seconds, and the 100 yards free style in 21-1/5—both without being extended in the least.

What was a more outstanding performance on his part, however—though few perhaps realised it at the time—was the 31 seconds he recorded in the 50 yards breast stroke Foreign "Y" championship at the "Y" Gala. This is equivalent to approximately a 69 second 100 yards, or virtually the Shanghai record of 68-3/5 seconds which Dick Hall established in 1939 and which has never before been touched in China. Butt actually covered the distance—using the butterfly stroke—in faster time than Ernie Smith—the local back stroke champion—recorded for the 50 yards, the latter, of course, employing the normally faster stroke.

The Breast-Stroke Champion

O. Grebenschikoff had little difficulty in winning both the men's breast-stroke championships—the 100 and the 200. While his time of 76-3/5 seconds for the 100 was poor compared to Hall's mark (and Butt's comparative performance last Saturday), he came close to the record in the 200 yards, in which he was clocked at 2 minutes 52-4/5 seconds. The record, set by Hall in 1939, is 2 minutes 50-1/5 seconds.

Smith Wins Three Titles

Like Grebenschikoff, Ernie Smith swept the board in the back-stroke championships, with V. Matluk, a promising newcomer from the Foreign "Y", taking second place, while Smith also won the men's 150 yards medley swim in fast time. With three championships to his credit, Ernie Smith was thus the outstanding individual swimmer of the season.

In the ladies' free style events it was Leela Hekking all the way, while the back stroke and breast-stroke championships fell to the respective champions and record-holders—Jill Peck and Doreen Gray—without difficulty.

From present indications the 1942 championship should be exceedingly interesting, with such potential record material as Charlie Butt, Ballerand, Hekking and Chie available.

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Sports fatalities on the eastern front continue and the German press mentions Herr Hittler of Frankfurt, seven times International footballer for Germany, killed in action, Olympic Games field events star, for Finland, and Kalle Jalkanen, world champion long distance skier in 1933, also for Finland, as among the latest casualties.—Reuter.

REFLECTIONS ON SEASON'S OPENING SOCCER ENCOUNTERS

By "Referee"

The football season, which opened on Saturday was featured by several upsets, the biggest of which was the defeat of South China, champions, by Kwong Wah on Sunday, and a glut of goals in all three Divisions.

Kwong Wah's win was well-deserved as they played good football and took their chances as they came, and this early success should give them every encouragement.

The inclusion of Lee Kwok-wai and Chan Tak-fai, erstwhile South China players, greatly strengthened the team, while Fook Yiu-wah, who played for South China juniors last season, fitted well into the side.

TWO players, and two players only, made all the difference to the St. Joseph's side that unexpectedly beat Police by five clear goals. Guy, by taking over the pivotal position, supplied a long-felt want, as not only did this strengthen the side, but allowed both Leonard and Hussain to revert to their old positions at back.

Marshall, formerly of Royals, showed perfect understanding with the rest of the forwards. He played a sound game, falling back to help the defence when occasion demanded, and sending out good ground passes to Costa on the left-wing.

MIDDLESEX did well against Eastern in the first half to be down by the only goal, scored by Hau Ching-to. They also had their share of the game in the early stages of the second half but could not put the finishing touches

to their movements. Eastern finished strongly and scored four goals in quick succession.

Pelham's Fine Game

SAPPERS put up an unexpectedly good fight against Sing Tao, and to the surprise of even their own supporters were three goals in the lead early in the game. Pelham played a grand game, and was the chief schemer.

Birrell's display on Saturday and in practice games earlier clearly shows that he is more valuable in the attack than in the intermediate line.

BLAZZARD, Service Corps full-back, who recently arrived from Home, gave a grand display against Police juniors. He was clean in his tackling and never wasted a clearance, and more should be heard of him in the next few weeks. He appears certain to secure a place in the junior representative charity game on October 10.

P. CASTRO and W. Maher, who signed on for St. Joseph's, have requested transfers to play for Shell Sports club.

NIX, who played for Association in the recent charity match, and Stainton, a full-back, both of Middlesex, have obtained permission to play for St. Joseph's.

THE stands at Boundary Street will not be ready for the Kwong Wah-Sing Tao First Division game on Saturday, and arrangements are now being made for the game to be played at Caroline Hill.

Referees Not Too Fit

IN spite of the advice given some time ago by the committee of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association for referees and linesmen to get fit, several officials appeared to be badly in need of training for the opening games.

UNBIASED sources state that a certain referee played several minutes extra in the first half of a senior game last Saturday.

If true this does not speak well for the referee unless he made allowance for time lost during that period—but no protest will be sustained as the referee's decision, on point of fact and on question of time, is final. He is the official time-keeper of the match.

THE three leading Chinese Clubs, South China, Eastern, and Sing Tao, have reached an agreement not to ask senior players of other clubs to join them.

This will eliminate a lot of the annual transfers. A player may be taken from another club provided he obtains a place in the senior team. By this way the three clubs hope to keep their teams together.

Varsity Misfortune

UNIVERSITY, who made their return to League football on Saturday, have the makings of a good side, but, unfortunately, most of their players are interested in other sport. They will be engaged in cricket on Saturdays and hockey on Wednesdays, and it is therefore only on Sundays that they can field their best side.

DURING the First Division game between Kwong Wah and Sing Tao, it was observed that much time was lost in retrieving the ball when it cleared the stands. I suggest that that another equally good ball be kept in readiness at all football games, thus eliminating any undue waste of time.

ON many grounds, corner flags are not up to requirements. The laws of the game provide for a flag at each corner on a post not less than 8ft. high, having a non-pointed top. On some grounds, the

SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION SHOW A PROFIT

A profit of \$1,161.27 was reported at the annual meeting of Hong Kong Softball Association yesterday evening. Dr. F. J. Molten presided.

Closing date for entries to the League was fixed for October 7 at 5.45 p.m. when the next meeting will be held at Ellipino Club, King's Park. Entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. E. Ribeiro) c/o Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Union Building. Registration forms will be issued individually and must be signed before members will be allowed to play.

According to present arrangements, First Division matches will be played at Kowloon F.C. and Second Division games at Chatham Road.

A match has been arranged at K.F.C. on November 11 at 2.30 p.m. between Canadian Chinese girls and Wildcats in conjunction with the display by the League of Health and Beauty.

Following officers were elected: President—Dr. F. J. Molten; Vice-President—R. Ogden; Hon. Secretary—A. E. Ribeiro; Hon. Treasurer—H. A. Barros.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING

Draft Rules For Knock-Out Series

Mr. A. F. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Rifle Association (Miniature Rifle Section) has forwarded us the draft rules for the proposed Winter "Knock-Out" Competition, in connection with which Clubs or units intending to take part are invited to communicate with him:

COUNTRY GOLF CLUB MEETING

Mr. A. W. Ramsay (President) was in the chair at the annual meeting of Country Golf Club yesterday, and reported that the Club showed a loss for the year of \$763. It was pointed out, however, that this was essentially a book loss and in no way detracted from the successful running of the Club. Membership showed an increase of 10.

Mr. F. E. A. Remedios was elected President and the following were the Committee members elected: Messrs H. Kew, C. H. T. Suen, A. R. Pinna, K. T. Oei, F. X. Silva, M. F. Pinna, M. A. Simoes and A. T. Lee.

Messrs T. A. Martin and Co., were re-elected auditors.

VALLEY GOLF TEAM

Following will represent Happy Valley against Kowloon Golf Club on October 12:

H. H. Mundy (Captain), N. J. Bebbington, N. J. Booker, A. C. I. Bowker, M. A. Cairns, G. Davies, E. Greenwood, L. M. S. Lloyd, J. W. MacDonald, A. McKellar, A. H. Penn, K. S. Robertson, J. A. R. Selby, W. Sharp, W. A. Stewart, W. Stoker, J. M. Thomson and G. E. Willerton.

corner flags do not come up to the required measurements, and constitute a danger to the players.

THE examination of aspiring civilian football referees will be held in the Association's Offices, Des Voeux Road Central, this evening at 8.30 p.m. Among the candidates are O. Sadick, N. Delgado, J. Peralta, and T. Lai.

IT is reckoned that the Middlesex Second Division team hit the woodwork on at least a dozen occasions in their game against Eastern on Saturday when they were 4-5 down. When they at last secured the equaliser, however, they added another three in quick succession to win by 8 goals to 3.

TWO pleasing features of the opening programme of football matches were that there were no postponements, or unpleasant incidents.

FOGWILL, who played for Club juniors several years ago, will be playing again and will be seen for Club in their League game against Signals to-morrow.

ST. JOSEPH'S hope to be further strengthened by two Sarvaia men in a fortnight's time, but who they are is still a secret.

KIT Clubs are expected to give a better performance in future games as they were unable to have any practice matches prior to their opening League game.

D. ALVEN, former Club de Recreo full-back, has signed on for Shell Sports Club.

\$2,500 CRICKET BAT

By "Incog."

Shanghai cricketers have set a fashion that might well be copied by Hong Kong players. In a recent match, the Wood Trophy game, between Shanghai Cricket Club and Shanghai Recreation Club, opportunity was taken to swell the British War Fund.

A considerable amount was raised, including the sum of N. C. \$2,500 as the result of a "Dutch" auction conducted on a bat which belonged to the late Dr. W. E. O'Hara, former Interport spin bowler.

According to M. J. Divecha, the Parsee C. C. and Rees, player, who has played in six Interports, (four in Shanghai and two here), and who is here on a visit at the moment, two of the series of three Wood Trophy games had been washed out by rain. For the last game those in charge decided to have "something special" in aid of British War Funds. Tents were pitched all round the S. C. C. ground, and sweeps were conducted on the game.

Game Drawn

The game itself ended in a draw with the scores as follows:—S.C.C. 162 (J. Pote-Hunt 44) and 132 (Stokes 63).

S.R.C. 179 (F. A. Kermanji 41, M. J. Divecha 24) and 105 for 6 (M. J. Divecha 20 not out, P. Madan 18 not out).

In the second innings, Rees needed 115 runs and had over two hours in which to get them. The first five batsmen failed and with a little over 50 runs on the board, Pat Madan joined Divecha and these two played out time.

Sinclair Succeeds Leach

Divecha is now captaining Parsees Cricket Club for the 20th season in succession, and is in addition their vice-president. He first played in Interport matches in 1922, when he visited Hong Kong, and in his opinion Donald Leach is the finest all-round cricketer he has seen in Shanghai or Hong Kong.

Divecha said that Leach left Shanghai recently for Australia, where he will try to join up, though "age might be against him as he is 41 years old."

A. C. Sinclair, well-known Interport swimmer, has taken over the captaincy of Shanghai Cricket Club from Leach and is fast settling down to the job.

Divecha added that Sam Isaacs, swing bowler, is still very keen on the game, though his "eyes are very bad."

An exhibition tennis match between Mickey Rooney and national champion Bobby Riggs and Ted Schroeder and Jack Kramer, national doubles champion, has been arranged for the benefit of the U.S.O.

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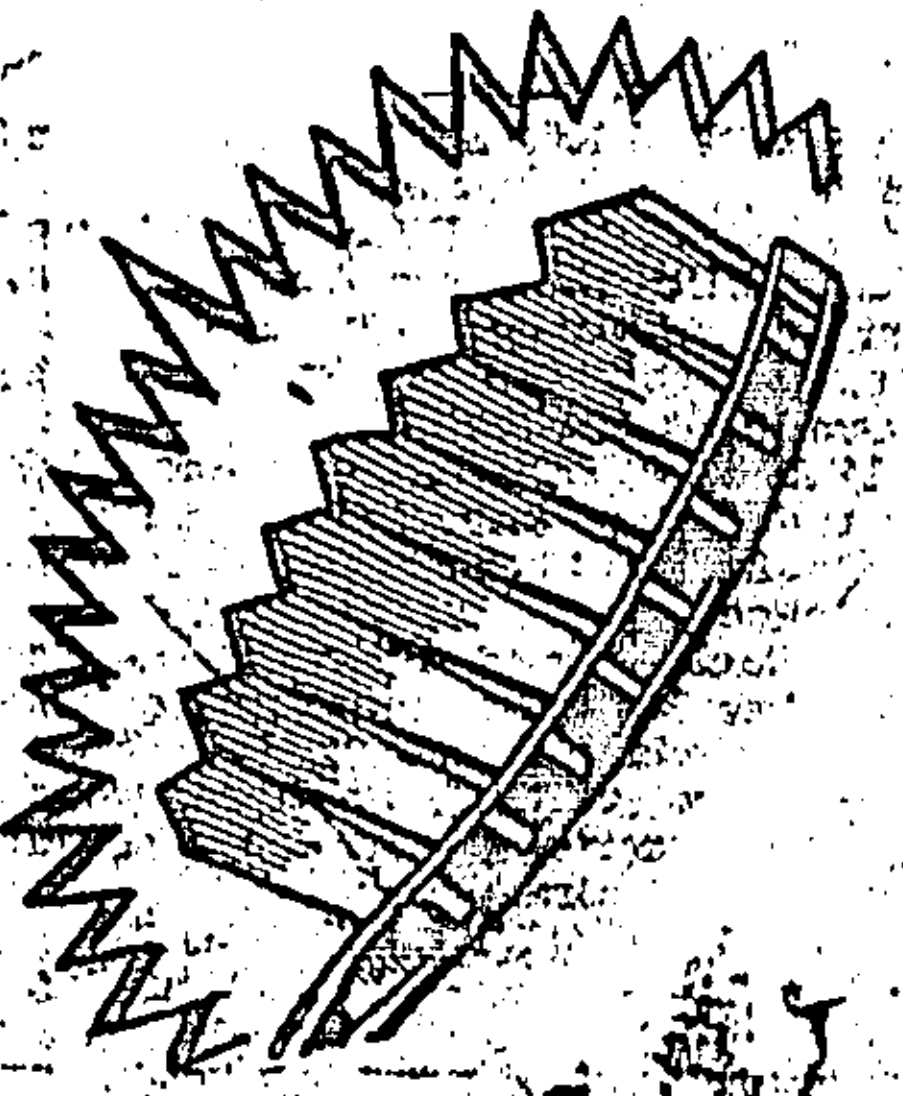
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By "Grandstand"

Thrills and excitement galore were provided at K.F.C. last Sunday when Merry Madcaps had their revenge on the Mighty Mindanao by trouncing the sailors 11 to 4, resultant on the superb 5-hit hurling performance of Carl Silva-Netto, backed by the almost flawless fielding display of a determined Madcap nine.

Bob Ogden's Cardinals came through with a fine victory over Wildcats in their return encounter, when they humbled the champions 11 to 9, with a last inning slug-ging rally to overcome a 3-run deficit. In the other ladies' game, Wahos just managed to nose-out a much-improved Chung Hwa squad by 12 to 11, whilst Marauding Mohawks accounted for Filipinos 10 to 4 in the second men's encounter.

The repeated warnings to catch-ers, especially those of the fairer sex, to don a mask when working behind the batter, were ignored, but it will be a long time before Wildcat hind-snatcher Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta forgets how much a softball can hurt, as she stopped Babida's foul tip with her nose. Chung Hwa catcher Rosita Nay narrowly escaped a similar fate when Irene Castilho fouled one of hurler Irene Law's pitches in the Wahoo-Chung Hwa tilt on the same day.

Brilliant Hurling

BACKED with brilliant fielding, Madcap hurler Carl "Kelly" Silva-Netto had complete control of the apple, walked two and accounted for the only strike-out of the fracas by whiffing "The Tony Mascavage" after the lumbering Lith had fouled a couple of pitches which would have been good for four bases had they not gone wide of the chalk lines by "only that much."

Losing finger Bob Strahl was nicked for 10 solid blows in four semesters before he was yanked from the mound, whilst relief twifler Trimble yielded five safe-ties for the remainder of the scuffle.

Although the sailors drew first blood when Groncek, Moore, Wil-son and Mascavage dented the pay-off station in the first frame, scoring gates were closed to them for the rest of the tussle, Eddie Marques' Madcaps dishing out a new brand of defensive ball play-ing to blank the Mimies, and then unleashing a 15-hit attack to chalk up a total of 11 markers.

Fielding game was dished out by Skelly Razack when he hauled down Earl Wilson's stinging liner over third which was labelled base-hit—the blow almost tore Skelly's arm off—whilst Baker roamed the pastures like a swooping ball-hawk, pulling down drives that chased him all over the field, but it was flashy short-stop Robbie Rocha who stole the thunder as he scooped up everything that came down the windy alley and snuff runners to first with his lightning pegs.

CENTRE-GARDENER WILLIE SPRINKLE EARNED BATTING PLAUDITS WITH HIS PERFECT STICK PERFORMANCE BY CUFFING FOUR RASPING SIN-GLER IN AS MANY TIMES TO THE PLATTER, WHILST "BUSTY" HOLLANDS POLED OUT THE ONLY EXTRA-BASE KNOCK-OFF OF THE TUSSELE WITH A TWO-BAGGER.

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Game Won In 6th

WILDCATS practically had the game in the bag when they trotted out into the field at the beginning of the seventh with a 9-6 lead over Cardinals. Redbird gardener Alice Tsang and slabster Dolly Brown both grounded out to short. Marie Figueredo strode up to the platter and rapped out a single, pilfered the mid-way station, and crossed the pan stand-ing up as Lily Mar heaved wild to first. Kitty Bush was given a life as third-sacker Gloria Mar fumbled an easy roller to put the tying run on base.

Marie Roza, coming into the game in the sixth canto, socked hurler Thelma Colacco's float on the nose for a two-run triple to knot the count, whilst Babida slashed a daisy cutter to right and rounded all the bases before the pellet could be relayed in.

In Wildcats' half Thelma Colacco grounded out, and Margaret Young popped out, whilst rookie Patsy Ribeiro fanned the breeze for the game to end.

Redbird Dolly Brown fanned six whilst Thelma Colacco whiffed four, neither hurler passing any-body to first. Ernie Babida's wil-low wielding was the best, as she connected for a round-tripper, a double and a single, in her four trips to the plate, whilst Marie Roza hammered out a three-bag-ger in her only time at bat. Betty Fitzgerald banged out a pair of doubles in three batting chances.

A Close Finish

ALTHOUGH Wahos' outhit Chung Hwa girls by the wide margin of 12 to 6, they only managed to scrape through with an 11 to 12 nose-out. The Green-shirted Owls chalked up two markers in the first frame on three blows whilst the Chung Hwa maids replied with a tally on two miscues. Both sides were blanked in the next canto, but Chung Hwa managed a 4-1 lead after produc-ing a four run spurge in the third.

In the fourth they piled on an-other five counters, whilst Wahos were shut-out in their turn with the bat. Trailing 10-4, Owls un-leashed their battering rams and dented the rubber eight times in the next two frames to regain a 12-11 lead. In the last chapter neither side could produce a marker and the game ended that way.

Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle rolled off three blows in four batting chances, including a triple, a double and a single, whilst Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Castro poled out a three-bagger and a double in her three trips to the plate.

"Big Chief Wahoo" Terry Noronha fanned seven for the whole game, whilst Chung Hwa finger Irene Law whiffed five.

Mohawks Triple

HIGHLIGHTED by the first triple play of the season, Mohawks downed a weak Filipino squad 10 to 4.

Thomas Tomashevsky and Gas Oliver were dancing on first and second, when Dave Walker popped out an infield fly which veteran Dave Baptista hauled down. Before either Tomashevsky or Oliver could scramble back to their bases, the apple had already been relayed to key-stoner Aramin and first-sacker Bunty Neves for the side to be retired.

"Smudge" Smith, who started for the Mohawks, was derrick-ed after he had walked seven and struck-out two, whilst relief moundsman "Doc" Moithen whiffed three and passed one for the remainder of the tussle. Losing pitcher Blas fanned none and walked none.

Ernie "Big Boy" Hearther park-ed the apple into deep right for the only round-tripper of the fracas, and also connected for a single in his four batting chances. Nip Lum lashed the leather for a three-bagger, whilst Erickson, "Pinky" Higgins and Pete Elder, banged in a double a-pieco.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. OFFICIALS

Civil Service Cricket Club held their annual general meeting yes-terday and the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

President:—E. W. Hamilton;
Vice-President:—H. E. Strange;
Cricket Capt: 1st XI J. E. Richard-son, 2nd XI F. E. Lawrence; Crick-et Vice-Captains: 1st XI R. H. Griffiths, 2nd XI J. McGowan.

General Committee:—P. D. Crawley (chairman), H. E. Strange (cricket representative), W. J. Skinner (tennis), S. Eccleshall (lawn bowls), C. Strange (bil-liards), J. R. Carr (greenranger), A. B. Allan (librarian), J. Gellatly (bar convener), W. J. Burling (treasurer), J. A. Bendall (secr-etary), E. W. Pudney and M. N. Rakusen (auditors), V. A. Garton and M. E. Purvis (extra members of committee).

Athletes To Meet Tonight

First step towards the proposed formation of Hong Kong Ama-tour Athletic Association will be taken this evening, when a meet-ing will be held at European Y.M.C.A. commencing at 6.45 p.m.

Officers for the proposed Asso-ciation will be elected and all clubs, universities, colleges and Service units interested are in- vited to send representatives.

It is understood that application for affiliation to the English A.A.A. will be made in due course.

TO-DAY'S GAMES

The programme for to-day in the Second Round of Colony-Lawn Bowls Singles Championship, is:

At C.S.C.C.
J. Hayward v T. A. Madar
C. H. Gough v F. Nolan
At Hong Kong F.C.
J. C. Gill v A. Gillott
At Kowloon F.C.
E. A. Atkins v T. R. Hunter
At Kowloon S.C.C.
R. S. Meadows v E. G. Post
At Recreation
A. E. P. Guest v T. Coleman

Bowls Results are
on Page Thirteen

RODERICK RETAINS WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AT THE ALBERT HALL

(By Reuter's Sports Commentator)

A FRACTION OF THE "MANY WHO OWED SO MUCH TO SO FEW" RALLIED SPLENDIDLY LAST NIGHT AT THE ALBERT HALL, SCENE OF MANY MEMORABLE FIGHTS AND OTHER SPECTACU-LAR OCCASIONS, AND HELPED TO RAISE ABOUT £6,000 AT THE CHARITY BOXING HELD IN AID OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE BENE-VOLENT FUND.

Many high R.A.F. officials were present and applauded the public's response to the appeal from the ring, which realised over £2,000 comprising sums varying from a shilling to £250.

The feature of the programme was Ernie Roderick's successful defence of the welterweight championship against Irish Guardsman Arthur Danahar, who was outpointed over 15 rounds.

After being within two minutes of forfeiting the title because of weight trouble, Roderick so out-boxed and out-generalised Danahar that the result was a foregone conclusion.

On Top Throughout

Roderick held command from the start, and apart from occa-sional flashes of desperation from Danahar, he remained on top throughout.

DANAHAR SURVIVED AN-XIOUS MOMENTS IN THE 13TH ROUND WHEN RODERICK TWICE FLOORED HIM FOR COUNTS OF NINE WITH A TER-RIFIC RIGHT TO THE JAW, AND ONLY HIS INDOMITABLE PLUCK KEPT DANAHAR GO-ING WHEN HE WAS "OUT ON HIS FEET."

Roderick, who was overweight at weighing-in time, and only just managed the welterweight limit in the stipulated time allowed, now becomes owner of the Lonsdale Belt, which he had previously won twice.

Family "Double"

This completed a great family "double," since his manager and brother-in-law is Nel Tarleton, who already owns the feather-weight belt.

Sergt. Freddie Mills put further stakes to his claim to the light-heavyweight championship when he beat Tommy Martin, England's "Brown Bomber," the referee stopping the fight in the 5th round after Martin had taken three long counts.—Reuter.

ANOTHER WIN FOR CHINESE Y

Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Wah Kiu by 63 points to 52 in the Open Basketball League yesterday. Youths were given a walk-over by Victoria Recreation Club.

Scores were:—
Chinese Y.M.C.A.—Tang Sik-chow 18, Chan Wah-hi 14, Luk Tak-cheung 7, Chan King-yan 6.

Lee Fuk-kai 6, Ko Kar-wo 4, So Pak-fai 4, Lo Ho-sun 3 and Fong Yuk-shan 2.

Wah Kiu.—Lau Bing-chen 16, Lo Kai-ming 14, Tang Fuk-hon 10, Tang Yiu-ming 7, Luk Tau-kan 2, Wong King-wan 2 and Ma King-lin 1.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	8	8	0	16
Sing Tao	8	7	1	14
National University	8	7	1	14
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	8	7	1	14
Wah Kiu	8	5	3	10
Black Cats	8	4	4	8
Residents' Union	7	3	4	6
Youths	7	3	4	6
Indian Police	6	2	4	4
Ping Ching	7	2	5	4
Yu Leung	6	1	4	2
Bank Union	7	1	6	2
Trojans	7	1	6	2
V.R.C.	8	0	8	0

BADMINTON AT Y.M.C.A.

At a meeting of the Badminton Club of Y.M.C.A. a committee was appointed consisting of R. E. Long (Chairman), G. Tapson (Hon. Secretary), R. Johnson (Hon. Treasurer) and H. C. Ram-age and J. Carkett (committee members).

Badminton may be played at the "Y" on Mondays and Fridays from 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. and a charge will be made for the shuttlecock used during these hours.



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BOUND BY NAZIS TO RETICENCE

Sir Lancelot Oliphant and party, who have undertaken to preserve absolute reticence, are going to England at a very early date.

There are the first batch of people to be exchanged for Germans delivered by the Spanish authorities to the Portuguese Government at the frontier.

All have been detained in Germany for more than a year.

Besides Sir Oliphant, they are Mr. Peter Scarlett, Secretary of the Embassy at Brussels, Mr. Mackenzie, Commercial Attaché at Brussels, Mr. Edmonds, Consul in Bergen, his wife and two children, and nurse, Miss Athis, Mr. Whadrow, Vice-Consul at Bergen, Mr. Tollemache and Mr. Baker, both Vice-Consuls, and Mr. Bennett, Consular servant. — Reuter.

QUETTA QUAKE

EARTHQUAKE PROOF BUILDINGS ARE THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FACT THAT COMPARATIVELY NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE AND ONLY THREE CASUALTIES, ONE OF WHICH WAS FATAL, WERE CAUSED BY A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE YESTERDAY IN QUETTA.

A shock of great intensity, lasting 35 seconds, rocked the city at 8 a.m. and other dozen intermittent shocks were experienced till 4 p.m., causing some panic

Hour And Half Over City

STIRLINGS AND WELLINGTONS WERE IN THE FORCE WHICH ATTACKED OBJECTIVES IN ITALY FROM THE BRITISH ISLES ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

One Wellington pilot, who made a carefully-planned low level attack on a large factory at Genoa, said that going out they flew through moonlight, but near the Alps it became cloudy.

They skirted a terrific electrical storm over Mont Blanc, and they could see the zigzag flashes of lightning over the famous peak.

When they reached Genoa, they stayed there for an hour and a half, flying round, at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

The bombers above them kept dropping flares around them, lighting up their plane. There was, in addition, a good deal of heavy flak and a fair amount of light anti-aircraft fire.

"There were two layers of cloud over Genoa, and a high bank of cloud over the moon, but we picked up a good 'pinpoint' for our first run up.

Scotch Caution

"The cautious Scotch bomber dropped a few incendiaries which dropped right on the factory and soon the whole of one end of the enormous building was ablaze.

"On the next time round, high explosive as well as incendiary bombs were dropped."

They went round a third time

among the local population. Mud-houses and walls collapsed in neighbouring villages.—Reuter.

and saw the fires still going strong. They then dropped a stick of bombs along the docks.

The factory fires were still burning when they left.

A bomber from New Zealand and Czech squadrons took part in the bombing of Italy.

Official Communiqué

"Objectives at Genoa, Turin and elsewhere were attacked by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Sunday night.

"At Genoa, industrial areas were bombed and large fires were started in the docks," says an Air Ministry communiqué issued in London yesterday.

"Other forces attacked targets in western Germany, including Frankfurt. Five aircraft of the Bomber Command are missing," the communiqué states.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked an oil depot and refineries at St. Nazaire, says the communiqué, adding "two aircraft of the Coastal Command are missing."—Reuter.

GESTAPO REIGNS IN PRAGUE

(Continued from Page 1) by Czech headquarters in London.

Twenty More

Later. It is now learned that twenty more Czechs were sentenced to death in Prague yesterday, and the sentences carried out by shooting later.

The victims of Heydrich include the retired Brigadier General Frantisek Horacke, and the leading Communists, Frantisek Wunsch, baker, of Prague, Jan Pestups, editor, of Prague, Jaroslav Sedlacek, cabinet-maker, of Prague, and Dusan Subrt, clerk, of Prague.

Heydrich, the new "Protector," has decreed that in all the areas of the Protectorate in which the State of Emergency has been proclaimed, there shall be a police curfew in catering establishments, hotels, cinemas and all kinds of amusement houses at 10 p.m.

Meetings Banned

Railway restaurants may remain open as hitherto provided they are used only by the travelling public. The curfew does not apply to German theatres and concerts.

All kinds of meetings, theatre performances, concerts and other Czech cultural or sporting events are prohibited.

This ruling does not apply to shareholders' meetings, nor meetings of the executives or committees of economic corporations, but all such meetings must be announced to the competent authority beforehand. All houses must be locked at 11 p.m. unless an earlier hour is decided in individual municipalities.—Reuter.

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STOP PRESS

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"On Saturday 150 German aircraft were destroyed, 37 in air combats and 113 on aerodromes. We lost 28 planes.

"According to precise data now received, one cruiser and two destroyers were sunk by the joint action of Coastal Batteries and ships of the Baltic Fleet and not one cruiser and one destroyer as previously reported."—Reuter.

The Paine Judge's Court at the Supreme Court was today crowded with spectators, European and Chinese, the majority of them women, well before resumption of the sitting of the A.R.P. Inquiry Commission, before which Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins is to give evidence today.

A communiqué issued in Moscow after yesterday's supply conference meeting states:—

"The formal opening of the Three Power Conference took place this morning under the Presidency of M. Molotov, Foreign Commissar. In the opening address, M. Molotov paid high tribute to Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman, leaders of the British and American Delegations.

"The Conference appointed six committees — army, navy, air, transport, raw materials, and medical supplies.

The Committees started work immediately and will report on Friday on Russia's needs." — Reuter.

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Nazis.They now "say it with the
bells."A short time ago, says a report
in the Nazi-controlled Dutch
paper, "Algemeen Handelsblad,"
the carillon of St. Servatius
Church at Maastricht played
continuously throughout the night
two sacred songs: "On Servatius,
Protector of Maastricht" and "To
You Oh King of Ages" — the
latter being the best known of all
Dutch Catholic songs.In the morning it was learned
that the machinery which normally
rings the bells had been
tampered with so cleverly that it
was impossible to stop this
method of demonstrating Dutch
confidence that their land
would be freed from the aggressor. — Reuter."A LEGAL
REPLY"APPROACHED THIS MORNING
BY THE "CHINA MAIL,"
MR. W. V. TAYLOR, HONORARY
SECRETARY OF THE
EVACUATION REPRESENTATION
COMMITTEE, DISCLOSED
THAT THE REPLY BY THE
THREE UNOFFICIAL CHINESE
MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE
COUNCIL, IS CONTAINED
IN "THREE FOOLSCAP
SHEETS.""It is a legal reply," said Mr.
Taylor, explaining that he was
not at liberty to reveal anything
further until after the Committee
had considered the reply to-morrow
at a meeting.The reply was jointly signed by
the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon.
Mr. Thomas Tam, and the Hon.
Mr. Li Tse-fong and was an
answer to the Committee's copy
of its resolution seeking an inquiry
into the evacuation.IF U.S.
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WE GET INTO WAR—IT IS UP TO THE OTHER FELLOW."
COLONEL F. R. A. N. K. KNOX,
SECRETARY OF THE
NAVY, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE
IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, YESTERDAY, AFTER
ARRIVING BY SEA FROM
BERMUDA WHERE HE INSPECTED
THE NEW UNITED STATES NAVY BASE.If Americans do not "recall the
necessity" of maintaining dominant
sea power, he said, "We are more
dumb than I think we are." — Reuter.SIR ARCHIBALD
COMING TO
HONG KONGCompleting his discussions with Mr.
Duff-Cooper in Singapore, Sir
Archibald Clark-Kerr, British
Ambassador to China, will leave for
Hong Kong, en route to Chungking,
to-morrow, it was learned in
Singapore yesterday. — Reuter.Hunan
Battle
VersionsChangsha was still in
Chinese hands at noon
yesterday according to the
Chinese spokesman at a press
conference in Chungking yesterday.The Japanese High Command
late last night announced in an
official communique that their
forces had "withdrawn from
Chuchow, fifty kilometres to the
south of Changsha, having accomplished
their objective."The Japanese are stated by
Japanese quarters to have occupied
Chentowshih, 40 kilometres south-east
of Changsha, "thus cutting off the
retreat of over 20,000 Chinese." — Reuter.QUETTA
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Commission of Inquiry in the Puisne Judge's
Court this morning, Wing Comdr. A. H.
Steele-Perkins stated that soon after his arrival
in the Colony as Air Raids Precautions
Officer, he found that the only way he could
get the sympathy of the Chinese was to know
them personally.To this end, Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins
said, he had not failed either to attend their
parties or to ask them to any parties which
he, himself, had given.The Commission, comprising
Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall
(chairman), Mr. S. Hampden-Ross
and Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, resumed
its sitting after an adjournment
since Friday, and the first witness
to testify this morning was
Wing Comdr. Steele-Perkins.The Court was crowded before
the sitting commenced, the spectators
consisting largely of women,
European and Chinese.Mr. G. G. N. Tinson represented
Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins.
Chairman: What is your full
name? — Alfred Horace Steele-
Perkins.I have a short report here
which you submitted, through
your solicitor, to the Commission.
Will you refer to that
statement and give us a short
history of the start of the A.R.P.
Department since your arrival
here?Witness: I was appointed by
the Colonial Office as Air Raids
Precautions Officer on January
21, 1938 and arrived here on
March 18. I was concerned with
the preparation of a local A.R.P.
scheme and the enrolment of
volunteers to implement such a
scheme.

Personal Contact

Witness then said that to begin
with, the number of such volunteers
was very small, but later on,
through propaganda work, an improvement
was noted. Continuing, he said:—It soon became obvious to me
that the only way I could get the
sympathy of the Chinese was to
know them personally. I have
made many hundreds of Chinese
friends and have not failed either
to attend their parties or to ask
them to attend any parties which
I have given. I soon found that
this personal contact was having
the desired effect and I was able
to report that I thought I had
the whole-hearted support of a
tremendous number of Chinese
who were willing to assist in
A.R.P.I have made, through this
means, most valuable contacts,
all of which have contributed
to the success which I claim
A.R.P. has made in the Colony.
One of my first actions was to
take the English and Chinese press
into my confidence and to arrange
broadcast talks on A.R.P. inaddition A.R.P. exhibitions were
staged.Later I found it was necessary to
enlist the sympathy of the Chinese
womenfolk and in this connection
my wife took a very active part
and endeavoured to teach them
how to look after their homes
and children should air raids be
experienced here, and in order to
do this she formed the Women's
A.R.P. Union and Mrs. Chan.

Mrs. Violet Chan

Chairman: One minute, which
Mrs. Chan is this, Mrs. Violet
Chan? — Yes sir, Mrs. Violet Chan.Witness then went on to say that
as the A.R.P. scheme developed,
it was found necessary to have
instructors for the volunteers.
(Continued on Page 16)FIGHTER
PATROLS
IN ACTIONOffensive patrols of
R.A.F. fighters attacked a
number of objectives yesterday
said the Air Ministry News Service in
London.Off the Belgian coast, enemy
patrol boats and a seagoing barge
were swept by cannon and machine-
gun fire resulting in one patrol
boat being set afire and others
being damaged, while the barge
was left sinking.A gun position on the coast was
put out of action. Five lorries of
a convoy in Northern France
were set on fire in another raid.From these operations one
R.A.F. fighter is missing but the
pilot is safe. — Reuter.LEAVING FOR FAR
EAST BY AIRSir Otto Niemeyer and Mr.
H. Merle Cochran, technical
assistant to Secretary of the
United States Treasury, Morgan
thau, were expected to leave for
the Far East by air from San
Francisco yesterday to help China
settle monetary and fiscal problems. — Reuter.

WAVELL LEAVES

General Wavell has left Teheran
for India, according to Ankara
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Hundredth Day Of Soviet War: Battle Of Attrition

German War Machine Brought To Standstill

(By "Annalist")

TO-DAY IS THE HUNDREDTH DAY OF THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT. THE RUSSIANS STATE THAT FIERCE FIGHTING IS PROCEEDING ALL ALONG THE FRONT.

The Germans make claim to success north-east of Dniepro Petrovsk, but except for the fact that Italian troops are alleged to have shared in the victory, it does not seem to have been a big battle.

It is becoming more and more evident that the operations are developing into a war of attrition.

Both sides register local successes, but it would seem that any decisive result before the winter puts the brake, if not complete stoppage, upon all military activities is most unlikely.

That the Germans are feeling this sense of frustration is obvious from the news from occupied countries where repression and persecution are the order of the day.

The trouble does not proceed so much from increased hostility of the inhabitants as from the growing weakness of the German authorities to deal with them.

The drainage of men is beginning to tell, and to compensate for their few numbers, the Germans are introducing new and bestial methods of terrorism in the hope of cowering the people.

Sowing The Seed

They will find that this does not pay psychologically because it is not by the shooting of hostages that the culprits of acts of sabotage are punished. It means sowing the seed of hatred which will yield a crop of vengeance later on.

For every person shot hundreds are antagonised or driven to desperation and the Gestapo will find a growing opposition which will call for increased severity and greater forces of police.

Lowering Morale

The terroristic methods in France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Norway and above all,

Poland, are therefore an index of the lowering morale of the Germans and an indication of the spirit of defeatism.

As in war, the question of morale, resistance and spirit of sacrifice will be the determining issues in this revealing exhibition of German tendencies, and is most encouraging although the lot of those exposed to their vengeful spite is greatly to be deplored.

THERE IS NO DEFINITE NEWS OF THE FIGHTING IN THE CRIMEA, EXCEPT REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE STRAFING RAILWAY AND ROUTE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE PENINSULA. THEIR ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS.

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"During Monday our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the entire front. According to precise data now available, on Friday 113 German aircraft were destroyed and not 98.

"On Saturday 150 German aircraft were destroyed, 37 in air combats and 113 on aerodromes. We lost 28 planes.

"According to precise data now received, one cruiser and two destroyers were sunk by the joint action of Coastal Batteries and ships of the Baltic Fleet and not one cruiser and one destroyer as previously reported."—Reuter.

TUKA ATTEMPT DENIED

A denial that an attempt has been made on the life of Dr. Tuka, who is the Slovak puppet premier, has been given over the Berlin Radio on authority of "a despatch from Bratislava."—Reuter.

YEAR'S OUTPUT OF TANKS IN THREE MONTHS

More tanks were made during the months of July, August and September in British factories than during the whole of last year, stated the Ministry of Supply in London yesterday. — Reuter.

Behind German Lines

More than 70 German officers and men have been killed, and much Nazi war material has either been destroyed or captured by guerillas operating behind the German lines on the Russian front, according to a supplement to the Soviet communique issued last night.

In one action 20 lorries loaded with war materials, ten tank-lorries and two mobile repair shops were destroyed while more than 200 cases of tinned food, medical supplies, winter clothing and stores, including boots destined for German soldiers, were seized, the communique says.

In another sector the guerillas destroyed 60 white Finnish soldiers, captured their weapons and equipment, while the Russian air force has destroyed 40 automobiles, five armoured cars, three artillery batteries, 30 tanks and one German company of infantry on the north-western sector of the front.—Reuter.

MODIFICATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT SOUGHT

MR. CORDELL HULL, replying to a question yesterday, whether the Administration proposed to seek outright repeal of the Neutrality Act or merely elimination of certain features, referred to the statement he made last week that the moment was ripe for lifting the restrictions imposed by the Act.

He added that he tried to indicate then that he favoured modification but it was something which must be discussed in conference with Congressmen.

Asked whether he saw any significance in the recent increase in rebellious activities in occupied territories, Mr. Hull said that reliable reports indicated that sufficient people in those territories were being starved, shot and imprisoned without cause to make him hesitate to risk adding to the number by any statement he might make.

Mr. Hull told the Press Conference that the suggestion that the entire United States munitions output for three months should be diverted to Britain and Russia has not been brought to his attention.

Meanwhile, the Chairman, of the House Military Committee may have stated that he believed this should be done, but he added that he had no official information that such diversion was being considered.—Reuter.

TOBRUK SORTIE

AT TOBRUK DURING THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY/SUNDAY, BRITISH PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR PENETRATED WIRE DEFENCES, ATTACKING A STRONG OUTPOST AND INFLECTING A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY. SAYS AN OFFICIAL WAR COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY FROM MIDDLE EAST HEAD-QUARTERS.

The communique states: "In the same sector, artillery fire on Sunday engaged and dispersed enemy working parties. In the frontier area also, our fighting patrols continued to harass the enemy."—Reuter.

FINNS LIKELY TO SUCCUMB TO NAZI PRESSURE

(Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

GERMAN MILITARY and economic pressure on the Finnish Government has become so intense that it appears likely that the Finns will reject the British warning against continuing the Russian war.

It is known there are large numbers of Finns earnestly longing for peace but according to reports reaching London, the Nazis in Helsinki are using every form of pressure to compel the Finns to continue the fight.

The Finnish situation is, indeed, a difficult one. Not only are German troops upon Finnish soil but Germany, unlike Britain, is in a position to exert severe economic pressure on that country, for Germany has always been an important customer for Finnish goods.

To encourage Finnish collaboration, the Germans continue daily to paint to the Finns a totally exaggerated picture of Nazi successes against Russia, coupled with claims which they have regularly failed to make good, such as their declaration last Thursday that they would be in Leningrad within two days.

Territorial Offers

Simultaneously, the Germans promised the collaborators territorial gains for Finland if Germany wins against Russia.

Any decision of the Finnish Government to succumb to German threats and blandishments will inevitably have a disastrous effect on Finland's position, already battered by two wars. Not only will she lose the chance of gaining peace now, but she will

be throwing away the inestimable political and economic advantages of improved relations with Britain and America as well as the opportunity of having her independent place at the Conference Table when peace is achieved.—Reuter.

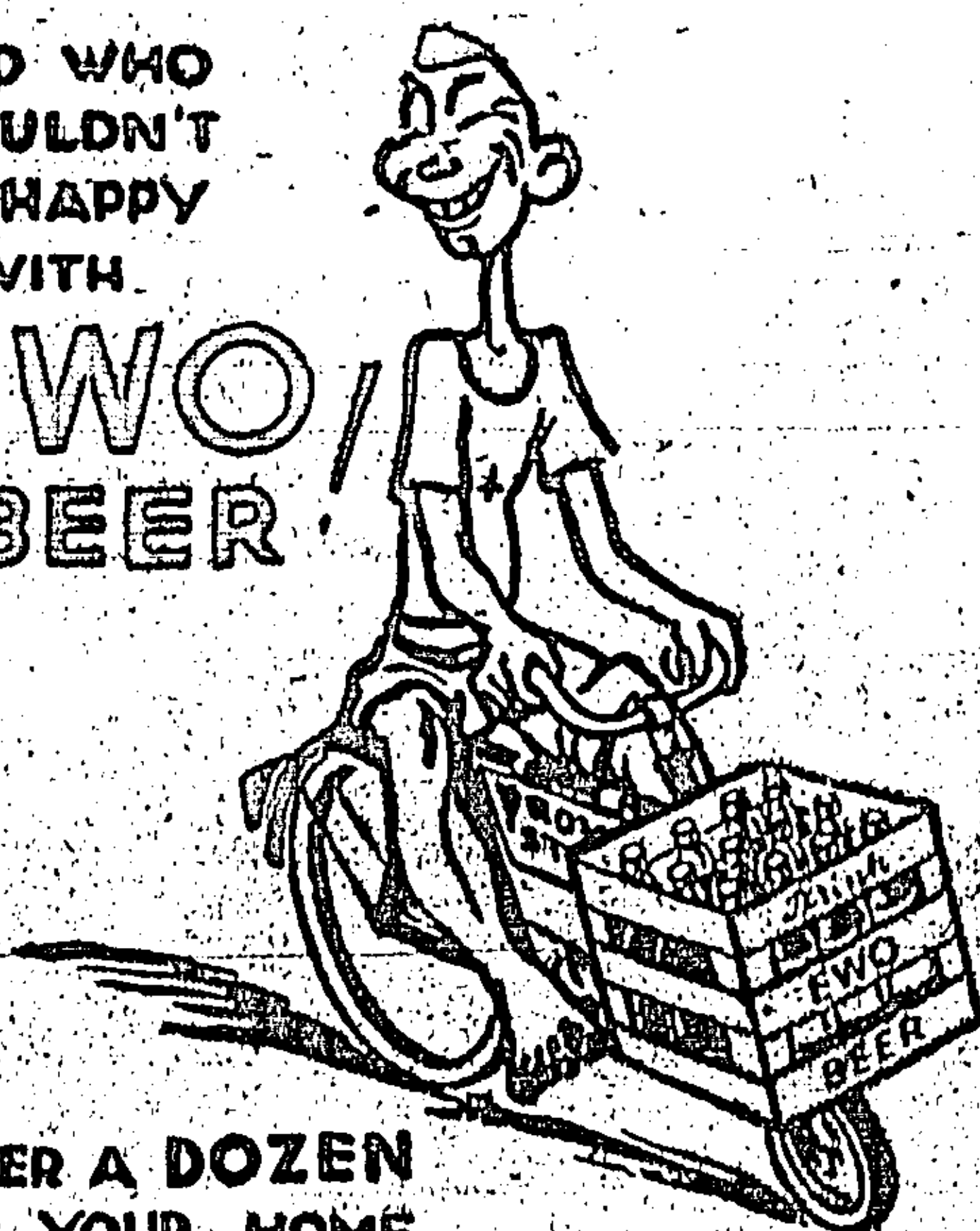
BRIDGES TO BE DEPORTED

The deportation to Australia of Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast leader of the Committee for Industrial Organisation, has been recommended to the Attorney-General, Mr. Biddle, on the grounds that Bridges was a member of the Communist Party, which "advocates and teaches the overthrow by force and violence of the United States Government."

The recommendation originated with Charles Searns who as special immigration inspector, presided at a ten-weeks' hearing in San Francisco to determine whether Bridges could be deported under immigration laws.—Reuter.

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CRITICAL CONFERENCE OPENS

Moscow Talks On Soviet Needs

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(Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia)

MOSCOW THIS MORNING LOOKED RATHER LIKE DREARY LONDON ON A NOVEMBER DAY BUT A GAY FIRE BLAZED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND LORD BEAVERBROOK ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR THE OPENING OF THE SUPPLY CONFERENCE SEEMED IN HIS USUAL HIGH SPIRITS.

There was an enormous amount of coming and going and conferring at the Embassy and the impression given of the importance attached to the conference on which successful war progress largely depends.

ARMING OF MERCHANT SHIPS

President Roosevelt is expected to return to Washington from Hyde Park to-day to confer with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, regarding the best method of making a move towards the arming of merchant ships which is now forbidden by the Neutrality Act.

Congress leaders will discuss the question to-morrow.

There has been no definite indication how far the Administration is likely to go at present in easing the Neutrality Act though there have been hints that modification might be attained more easily than complete repeal.

This might be the determining factor in fixing the course the Administration will ultimately follow.

The Act not only forbids the arming of merchant ships but bans such vessels from entering combat zones.—Reuter.

Bagdad Conference

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN GIMLA YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL WAVELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA, AND GENERAL AUCHINCLOSS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HAVE ATTENDED AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN BAGDAD.

The meeting took place last Friday and Saturday in order to work out full details of cooperation between India and the Middle East regarding the anti-Axis front now established from Syria through Iraq and Iran to the left flank of the Russian armies.—Reuter.

TEHERAN EXCHANGE

The sterling exchange rate was altered by decree yesterday in Teheran by 17% to 140 rials to the pound. The dollar rate was reduced from 45 to 35 rials.—Reuter.

Already last night the heads of the delegations, with the British and American Ambassadors had, in the presence of M. Molotov and M. Litvinov—the latter acting as interpreter—conferred for three and a quarter hours with M. Stalin.

The scope of the conference cannot yet be discussed and probably the exact results will not be disclosed at any time—the Germans being only too anxious to know the details.

Direct Help

NATURALLY, HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE IS DEALING WITH THE POSSIBLE DIRECT MILITARY HELP, AS ALREADY VISIBLE FROM THE PARTICIPATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, SHORT-TERM SUPPLIES AND THE ALL-IMPORTANT AND NOT EASY QUESTION OF TRANSPORT AND ROUTES FOR SUCH SUPPLIES.

Russian Morale

The satisfactory outcome of the conference is a factor of absolutely primary importance for Russian morale.

The British tank week has created a good impression in Moscow but as M. Lozovsky pointed out in a message to the Press, what is wanted is not one week but many weeks.

Typical of the Russian standpoint also is M. Lozovsky's phrase about the whole brunt of the German machine falling on to Russia.

Soviet papers also have been emphasising the United States as "the richest power in the world."

Down To Business

The "Three-Power" conference for war supply opened in Moscow yesterday, according to the Columbia Broadcasting system commentator speaking from Moscow. M. Molotov presided at the conference, Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman, who had earlier seen M. Stalin, getting down to business immediately.—Reuter.

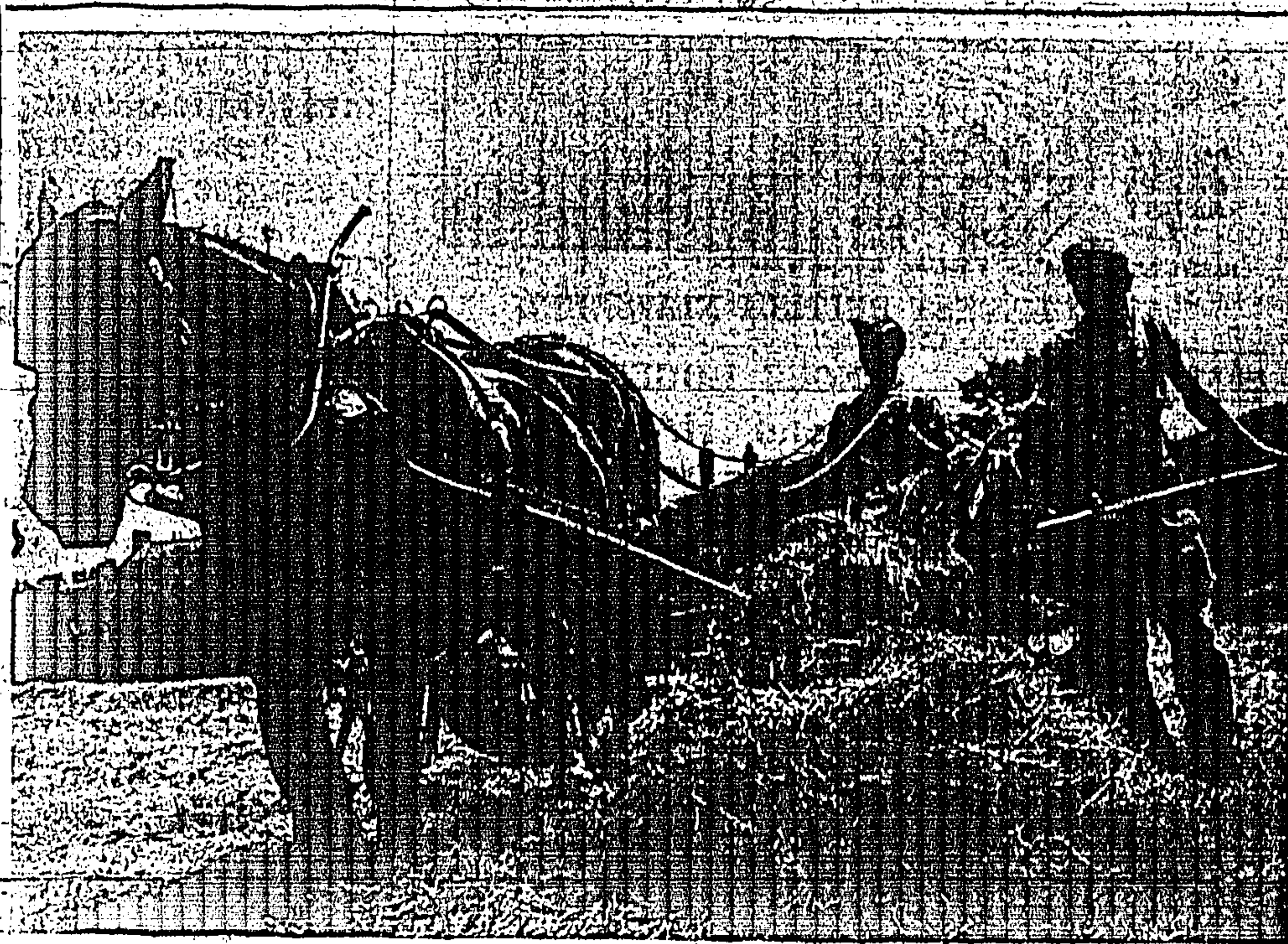
Six Committees

A communique issued in Moscow after yesterday's supply conference meeting states:

"The formal opening of the Three-Power Conference took place this morning under the Presidency of M. Molotov, Foreign Commissar. In the opening address, M. Molotov paid high tribute to Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman, leaders of the British and American Delegations.

The Conference appointed six committees—army, navy, air, transport, raw materials, and medical supplies.

The Committees started work immediately and will report on Friday on Russia's needs.—Reuter.



SOLDIERS ASSIST ON THE FARM—Soldiers, during their spare time are helping farmers in Britain. Two Bompps are here seen haymaking.

MODIFICATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT FAVOURED

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State told a Press conference in Washington yesterday that he favoured modification rather than repeal of the Neutrality Act.—Reuter.

RHODESIAN MUNITIONS OUTPUT

Production of munitions in the Rhodesian copperbelt is progressing rapidly and the first consignment accepted by Southern Rhodesia War Supplies Committee was described as of 100% quality.

It is hoped that more mines will soon make other small parts thus using the Colony's machinery and skilled labour to their best advantage in the war effort.

An appeal for munition workers was very satisfactory, women recruits turning out component parts with a high degree of efficiency. The output of copper in August was the highest for a considerable time.—Reuter.

DUFF-COOPER OFF TO INDIA

Mr. Duff-Cooper is flying to India for a brief discussion with the Viceroy. He will then proceed to Burma, return to Singapore and go later to Australia.—Reuter.

THAILAND UNSHAKEN IN FAR EAST WAR OF NERVES

THAILAND WILL EMERGE unscathed from the Far Eastern war of nerves, according to M. Sivaram, editor of the "Bangkok Chronicle," now in India.

A policy of strict neutrality is followed by the Thai Government in its friendly relations with the great Powers of the world and the preparedness of the defence forces of the country to resist any probable aggression constitutes the basis of this optimism, he added.

Referring to Anglo-Thai relations, he stated that they were most cordial, adding: "Adversity often serves to test friendship."

Thailand values the friendship of Britain and will never pursue a policy jeopardising relations with Britain or the United States. He pointed out that the recent Hull-Eden Statement regarding Anglo-American policy in the Far East, was event of any further Japanese

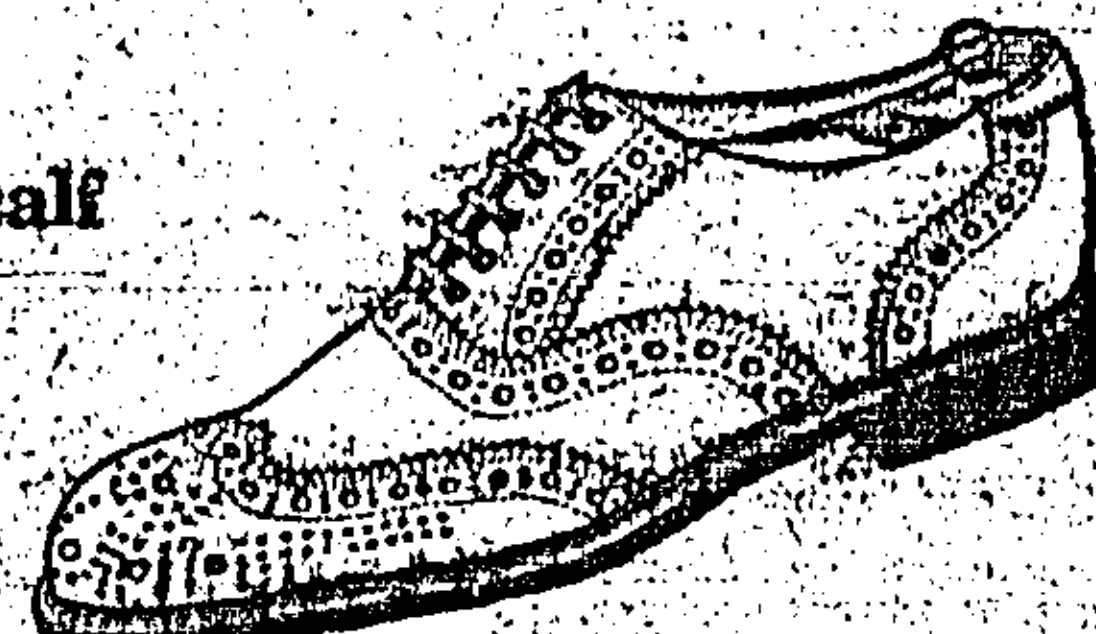
move in south-eastern Asia, was favourably received in Bangkok and he added that it was the unambiguous declaration of Anglo-American policy in the Far East that had resulted in the present full.

Thailand, he emphasised, was just pro-Thai and the friend of all, but any foreign attempt to turn her into the Rumania or the Bulgaria of the Far East, was doomed to failure.—Reuter.

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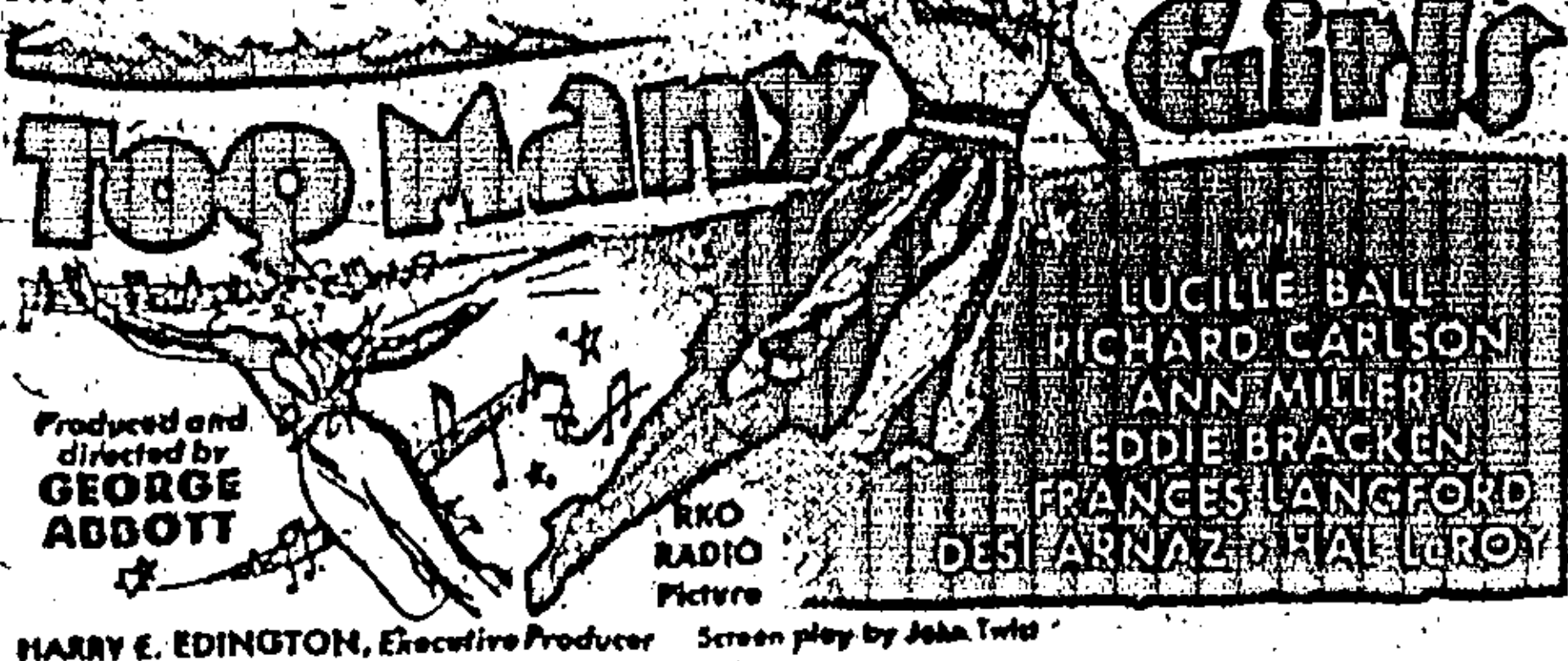
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ITALY BEGINNING TO FEEL THE PINCH

GROWING CONCERN at Italy's food and financial stringency is reflected in Italian newspaper editorials which are quoted in messages from Milan.

In an editorial on the food situation, the Turin paper "Stampa" invites the authorities to be more active in putting on fresh "turns of the screw."

NAZI OIL DEPOT WRECKED

The R.A.F. attack on St. Nazaire on Sunday night is more fully described by the Air Ministry News Service.

Flying through intense flak and batteries of powerful searchlights on both banks of the River Loire, it is stated, Blenheim and Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed and set on fire an important oil depot and the refineries at St. Nazaire.

Leading the way in, the Beauforts located the target, and started a blaze with sticks of high explosive and incendiary bombs dropped from low level.

"As the bombs fell among the tanks," said the pilot of one Beaufort, "our aircraft rocked with the force of the explosion. Then flames shot up and the fire spread and when we were miles on our way home we could see the tanks blazing."

Another Beaufort was intercepted by a Nazi night fighter but a few rounds by the Beaufort's rear gunner caused it to break away.

Following the Beauforts, the Blenheims bombed from a higher altitude.

Approaching the French coast, one aircraft saw the refinery 50 miles away burning fiercely.

"We crossed the target," said a pilot, "and saw the oil tanks clearly outlined amid the blaze below us. A wide area was on fire and even at our height the air reeked of burning and what seemed to be chemical fumes."

Another pilot described the fire, which he could see 45 miles away, as a blood-red blaze.—British Wireless.

W.A.A.F. "CLERKS OF THE WEATHER"

Yet another vital job for the R.A.F. is being undertaken by members of the W.A.A.F.—that of meteorologist. Five hundred women between the ages of 17½ and 43 of good education—school certificate standard is essential—are now to be given the chance of becoming "clerks of the weather." When trained they will be employed at R.A.F. Stations and elsewhere on making "met" observations and plotting "synoptic charts"—that is the charts used for preparing weather forecasts.

This is not the first time that women have helped the R.A.F. in weather work. Early in the war an appeal was made for fine woman hair for certain delicate instruments in use with the R.A.F. in France, and many blonde girls offered their locks. But now they are able to take a much more active part in the vital work of weather forecasting.

Any woman who wants to become weather-wise—and at the same time do her bit for victory can apply for one of these jobs at any of the R.A.F. or W.A.A.F. Recruiting Centres.

The paper says the great danger is that perpetual price changes may create an atmosphere of inflation and feeling of uncertainty which will seriously harm the defence of the lira and public saving.

Writing in the paper "Regime Fascista," Farinacci, former secretary-general of the Fascist Party, denounces the "large number of people in Italy who are hoping to save money to plunge into speculations."

"We have observed the mad race in order to buy immovable property, jewels and industrial shares from which has resulted serious disturbances in the market and rise in prices to the sky."

Price Race

"Ordinary plots of land have increased in price by sixty thousand lire per hecta, meanwhile the value of houses have increased fourfold within the period of a few months."

"Gold is selling at 120 lire per gramme, diamonds at 5,000 lire per grain."

Farinacci adds that an end must be put to this price race if Fascism does not want to reduce the poorer classes to famine.

The financial editor of the paper "Sera," discussing the recent developments in the Milan Stock Exchange, says that uncertainty dominates exchange and the public.

Market Nervous

"I observed recently a series of completely irregular meetings with numerous incomprehensible and unforeseen changes in market tendencies. A draconian measure must be taken in order to limit the rise in prices."

"The authorities must intervene in the present abnormal situation. The nervousness in the Milan Stock Exchange, resulting from the war situation, is related to the present psychological conditions."—Reuter.

LORRY CONVOY SURPRISED

It was learned in London yesterday that R.A.F. fighters attacked a convoy of lorries near Dieppe with cannon and machine-guns. Five lorries were set on fire. —Reuter.

BOUND BY NAZIS TO RETICENCE

Sir Lancelot Oliphant and party, who have undertaken to preserve absolute reticence, are going to England at a very early date.

There are the first batch of people to be exchanged for Germans delivered by the Spanish authorities to the Portuguese Government at the frontier.

All have been detained in Germany for more than a year.

Besides Sir Oliphant, they are Mr. Peter Scarlett, Secretary of the Embassy at Brussels, Mr. Mackenzie, Commercial Attache at Brussels, Mr. Edmonds, Consul in Bergen, his wife and two children, and nurse, Miss Athis, Mr. Whadrop, Vice-Consul at Bergen, Mr. Tollemache and Mr. Baker, both Vice-Consuls, and Mr. Bennett, Consular servant. — Reuter.

PRESIDENT INEUNU'S BIRTHDAY

King George VI has sent a telegram of congratulations and good wishes to President Ineunu of Turkey, on his birthday, stated the Turkish Radio last night. President Ineunu has thanked the King for this thought. — Reuter.

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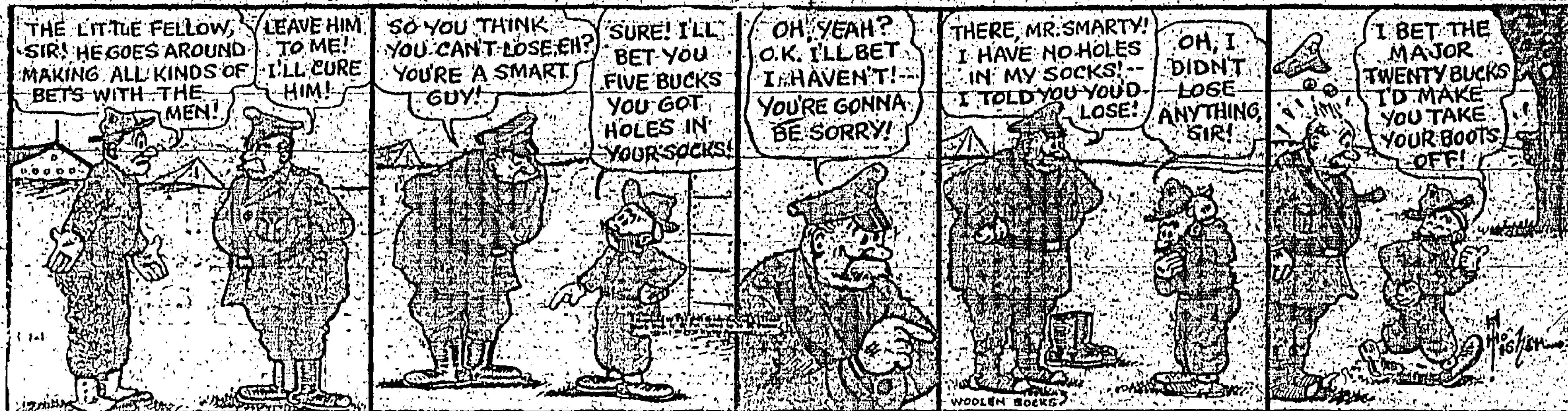
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Knowing how sceptical the Intelligence Officer can be, an R.A.F. pilot on his return from a recent operation over Northern France, set out to convince him that there was no doubt about his victim.

After describing his first with an Me.109, which resulted in the enemy spinning down towards the sea, he wrote in his report:—

"I claim this Me. as destroyed for the following reasons:—

(a) Because I know it was.

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(c) F/O. M. of No. 1 Squadron saw an Me. 109 dive into the sea right alongside another Me., which had been shot down by a pilot in the same squadron at the same time and place.

(d) No-one claims the second Me. 109 which I am sure was mine."

The Intelligence Officer allowed the claim.

MR. BOWDEN'S APPOINTMENT IN SINGAPORE

IN A STATEMENT in Singapore yesterday, Mr. V. G. Bowden, former Australian Trade Commissioner in China, now the representative of the Australian Government in Malaya, declared: "Singapore, as the focal point of the British and Allied defence systems in the Western Pacific, has become of the greatest importance to Australia."

"Politically, it has become the great clearing house for intelligence and the centre of contacts which are of vital interest to Australia."

"My function as diplomatic representative will be to provide my Government with the closest contacts as possible and to keep them supplied with information regarding all developments of interest to them in this area."

"My natural regrets at leaving behind so many associations which I formed in China are tempered by the feeling that in Singapore I will be almost at the gateway of Free China and thus better able to watch that country's development as a resurgent nation."—Reuter.

SOMEONE HAD TO BE SACRIFICED!

Officers at a Coastal Command Station in England made up their minds that they could help in the "Dig for Victory" campaign.

The first step was obviously to survey the ground. Industrious-ly they looked around for land which might be productive, but their efforts met with no great success—until they reached the Commanding Officer's house.

In front of the house was a large, beautiful lawn. The surveying officers looked at each other meaningfully. Who would bell the cat?

It was a difficult problem, but very tactfully the news was conveyed to the C.O. that in course of time this lawn could be made to produce quantities of winter vegetables.

Nothing was heard of the proposal for some time, and there was an air of expectancy as the decision was awaited. Then, one day a note appeared on the Mess notice board calling for volunteers to dig up the lawn.

Now the officers at the station are very busy with the spade and the C.O., although he sees his lawn disappearing, encourages the good work.

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All trades in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force are now open to women four feet ten inches in height and upwards.

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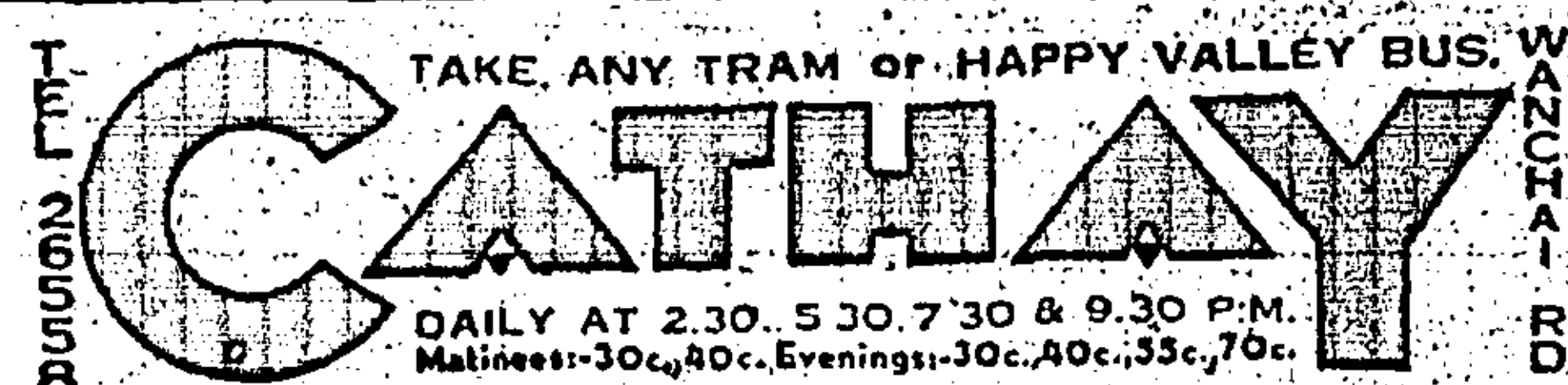
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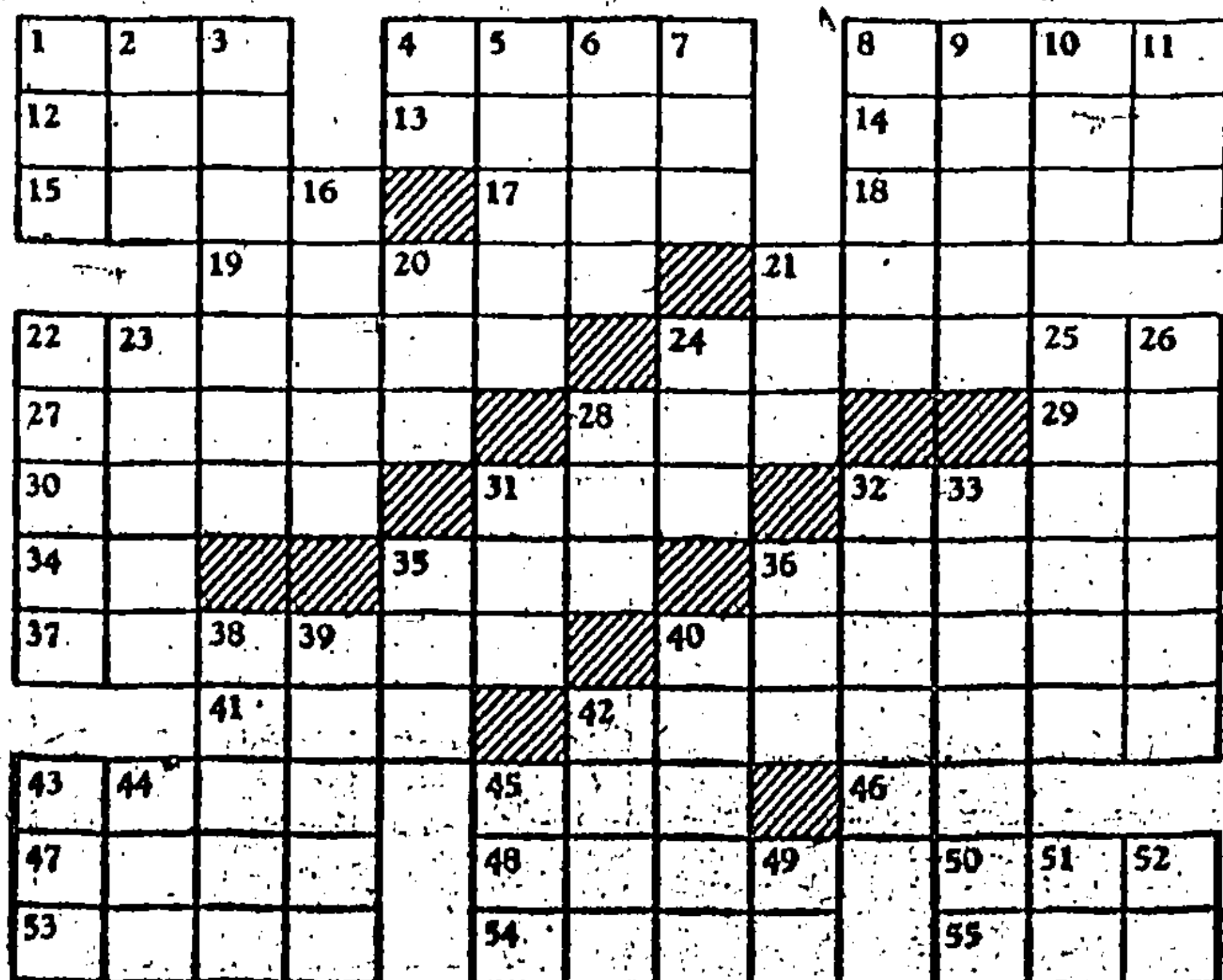
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- 18 Most worthwhile
- 19 To entrap
- 21 Numeral
- 22 To urge
- 24 White wine
- 27 Islands in the Mediterranean
- 28 Seized with the tooth
- 29 By
- 30 The birds
- 31 Assistance
- 32 To give forth
- 34 Earth goddess
- 35 Strange
- 36 Dialectal support
- 40 Sore
- 41 Literary herap
- 42 To accord
- 43 South American country

VERTICAL

- 1 Conjunction
- 2 Constellation
- 3 Circular object
- 4 Mulberry
- 5 Equine
- 6 Great Lake
- 7 Insane
- 8 To be subordinate
- 9 Place of combat
- 10 City in Yugoslavia
- 11 Insect

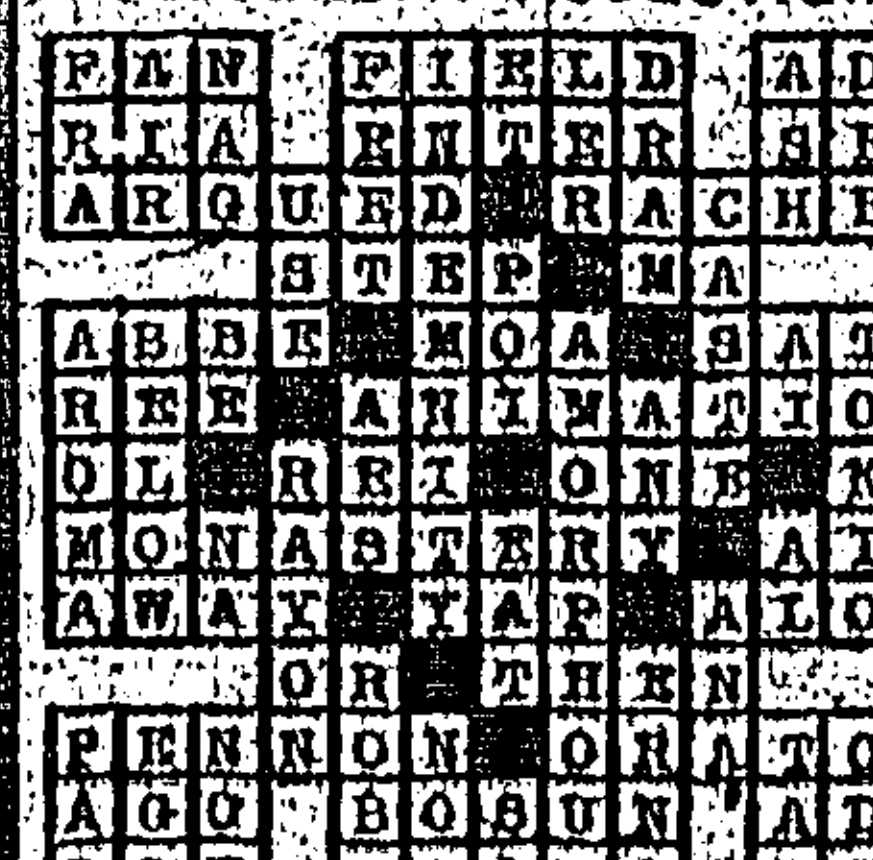
43 Entirely

- 46 Teutonic deity
- 47 Sandrac tree
- 48 Residue of coal
- 50 Tip
- 53 Secure
- 54 Dutch cheese
- 55 Timber tree

16 Defects

- 20 Peruvian tuber
- 21 To make lace
- 22 Insect in adult stage
- 23 Hubs of wheels
- 24 Among
- 25 Covering for the ankle
- 26 To authentically
- 27 Offer
- 28 To append
- 29 Halting place for troops
- 30 Domestic fowl
- 31 South American language
- 32 Shade tree
- 33 Hindu territorial division
- 34 To come into operation
- 35 Lively dance
- 36 Lullaby
- 37 Dance step
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- 42 What's that?

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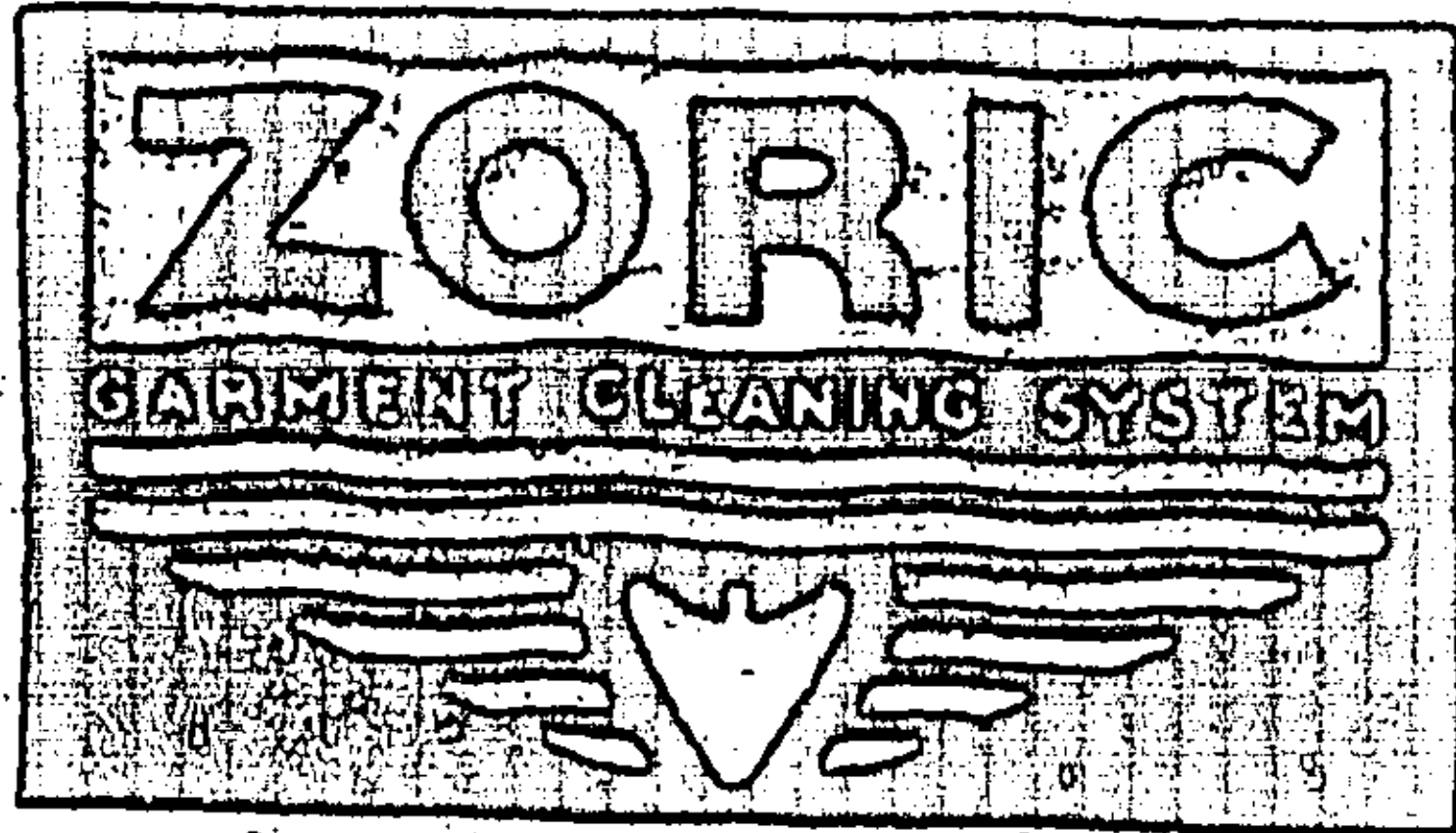


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Axis Ship Losses In Tunisia Reported Heavy By Sailor

(By W. E. Lucas)

AN ACTUAL PICTURE OF the destruction of Axis shipping off the coast of French Tunisia is given by a French sailor who was a member of the crew of a naval patrol vessel between Bizerta and Sfax on the African coast and has recently arrived in the United States to join the forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

For some months British Admiralty communications have laconically mentioned the sinking of Axis transports and freighters trying to run the blockade between Sicily and Tripoli and using the coast of French Tunisia as a safety channel. Although some have got through, the description of this hundred miles of coast line, from Cape Bon to Sfax, as a cemetery of ships shows how many have failed.

Close inshore, he reports, in shallow water so that their masts and the tops of their funnels break the surface there are scores of Italian ships, sailing schooners,

freighters of every size and men of war. At one point off the island of Kuria a convoy of six merchant ships had been sunk as well as two escorting destroyers.

Looking down through the clear Mediterranean waters he could see the havoc which had been caused by what must have been an air and sea attack. Equipment of every sort was scattered about the ocean floor, tanks, aero engines, drums of oil, trucks, motor-cycles, heavy and light guns of all kinds.

Italian Convoy

A few miles south of this scene there was an Italian convoy consisting of four freighters and one destroyer which had been sunk. The hulls of the freighters were riddled with shell holes and a well directed hit must have landed on the destroyer's magazine since the front part of the ship had been blown away.

About a mile distant the mast of a British destroyer appeared above the surface of the sea. But she must have been abandoned in good order as there was so sign of any loss of life.

Sunk And Damaged

In the French harbour of Sfax several other Italian freighters were lying sunk or damaged as a result of the R.A.F. bombing attacks on that port. Four other ships, carrying large consignments of war material for Libya, were sheltering there afraid of continuing their journey to Tripoli.

The French sailor estimated that the total loss of heavy equipment along this hundred mile stretch of coast line was very considerable. There were between 40 and 50 ships all fully loaded with military stores either sunk or abandoned in shallow water.

"DEATH OR GLORY BOYS"

"Death or glory boys" they are called locally, these troops who man the 4-inch guns on the fringe of the East Coast and keep ceaseless watch and ward on the sea which might at any moment reveal German ships steaming to the attack.

They man Britain's front line. And a curious front line it is. I saw one gun in a cottage garden with its muzzle showing above a privet hedge. Another is on what holidaymakers once called an esplanade. A third peeps out of a wood, and a fourth is in the open draped with camouflage.

Men are constantly on the alert, swopping the night with binoculars by day and with searchlights and night glasses at night. Within half a minute of the sounding of the alarm they must be manning the guns. On the beaches in front of them there stretches a continuous tank barrier.

Every officer takes his place with his men in bayonet training, all have their daily daps of P.T., carry 180lb. shells 20 yards, and practice grappling with paratroops in order to get tough.

FIVE RAIDERS TRAPPED

Radiolocation, Britain's new device for the destruction of night bombers, cost the Germans five bombers when they made a short, sharp raid on the Southampton and South-East Coast.

Two churches, two banks, several schools, licensed premises, business premises, and many private houses were destroyed or damaged.

A number of people lost their lives, and many others were taken to hospital.

One night fighter pilot shot down two German bombers. He got the second after he had landed to reload.

BRITONS READY FOR ORDEAL

Preaching his first sermon since his return from a tour of Britain the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, who fought in the last war, said in New York that nothing he saw of the soldiers then could equal the amazing courage of British civilians now.

They were standing up uncompromisingly, he said, through an ordeal worse than that faced by American soldiers in France.

"Having personally inspected what is going on in the shipyards and factories of Britain, and having seen the defences of the British Isles, I am confident that when the final ordeal comes these people will give a good account of themselves," he declared.

ANCESTORS OF PRIME MINISTER FOUGHT GREAT BRITAIN

The Syracuse Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution has decided that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, is eligible for membership because two of his American ancestors fought against Britain.

Mr. Churchill's mother, the late Lady Randolph Churchill, was an American.

She was the daughter of Leonard Jerome, of Nassau County, Florida, one-time part-owner of the New York Times.

As Jennie Jerome, the late Lady Churchill was a noted American beauty.

Mr. Churchill was a newspaper correspondent in the Spanish-American War.

ODD FACT

Strange as it may seem, the hottest place on earth is named Greenland Ranch. It is in Death Valley, California, and the temperature has been known to reach 134 degrees in the shade.

BOOKS BY THE OUNCE

Publishers' Scheme

Standard books in which the number of words will be strictly measured in ounces may be appearing before long. They will represent the publishers' solution of the problem of reconciling rising book sales with the increasing shortage of paper.

Meanwhile, the plan which the technical advisory committee of the Publishers' Association is considering is one that stipulates that each book must contain 6,000 words for every ounce of its bound weight. A rather lower ratio may be decreed for educational, technical and juvenile books, in which provision must be made for illustrations or diagrams.

The scheme does not touch the question of prices.

The new "words per ounce" book would not only provide more books from the same tonnage of paper, but would also save storage space and provide the reader with a light, easily handled volume.

"What we shall have to impress on the public," said a leading publisher recently, "is that to buy a book consuming a large quantity of paper will be unpatriotic."

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THE MODEST MARSHAL

Had it not been for the Hess episode—plus the curious case histories of the leaders of Nazi Germany—rumours of a rift between Der Fuehrer and the many-uniformed Reich Marshal Goering could be dismissed as sheerest guesses, or what the Italians delight in calling "tendentious" reports. But with the fantastic Odyssey of Nazi No. 3 as a background, it is necessary to remain open-minded about the activities of Nazis 1 and 2.

It is a fact that little has been heard of the large Marshal Goering since his congratulations to the Luftwaffe over its success in Crete. This is in contrast with other major campaigns which the Germans have undertaken. Early in the drive on Poland it was announced that the Marshal was directing the German air force in the field. Just before the attack on Norway Goering warned of a blow in the West. Immediately after the opening of the campaign against the Low Countries and France it was announced that he was again directing operations. Much was made, in Berlin dispatches, of Goering's personal conduct of the Battle of Britain last September, including the report that he had piloted a bomber over London. The plump Hermann was not much in evidence during the Balkan battles, and during the present war with Russia he has apparently disappeared from an exciting and portentous picture. Such modesty on Marshal Goering's part is distinctly unusual and lends a certain colour to the current rumours, however suspect the sources of these rumours may be.

That the stories of the confinement of the second man in the German Reich could be entertained for a moment is a pointed commentary on the revolutionary character of the Hitler regime, the explosive personalities that compose it and its essential lack of stability. One can be sure that in shadowed Germany such stories are circulated under the rose, probably with emendations and enlargements that would seem incredible to better-informed peoples. So far as the world outside is concerned there is no special reason to believe these rumours until more substantial bases are pro-



BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS?

Black Sea Drama

FOUR men—a Russian, an Afghan, a Caucasian, and an Iranian—are playing their part in the Black Sea drama.

Stalin is included, because the Black Sea's storm clouds are casting their shadows eastwards to Afghanistan; likewise because the Russian-Caucasian dictator, being partly Oriental, has a name that has a bearing upon the reaction of those who may feel the Nazi thrust in the Middle East, in addition to his being directly concerned in the Russo-Nazi struggle.

I once saw Stalin, looking like a weary farmer as he sat on the trunk of a fallen tree, addressing a group of Uzbek peasants. His words were being translated by a Bokharian youth who seemed ill at ease in his embroidered skullcap. The graybeards of the desert shook their heads disapprovingly as they heard him repeat Stalin's remark that Communism was simply their ancient faith in a new version.

In the evening Stalin's disciples harangued the people in the public square. The propagandist dilated fully upon Stalin's association with Lenin since 1903; how he had propagated the great revolutionary doctrines through the columns of Borba Proletariata. This was true, but quite beyond the comprehension of the average Turkoman farmer. But when the speaker pointed out that it was Stalin who struggled hard for Central Asian Republics against the thraldom of the Amir of Bokhara, the eyes of his hearers sparkled in appreciation, for here was something which they could understand—something which had benefited them.

But if they are called upon to join in the struggle against the

vided for them. But should the British Isles as A. P. Herbert, M.P., once said, "shake to an unprecedented lull as Reich Marshal Goering—a parachute at each corner—settles on and perhaps submerges the tale of Wright or Rye." It would be no matter for great surprise.

Germans, the Russian dictator's personality alone will not produce the desired effect. It will have to be something much more potent, a tangible menace, as for example, the arrival of German troops in the ancient cities of Samarkand and Bokhara.

The activities of General Skoropadsky are of interest here because their hordes toward Iran and beyond. I met him years ago in Paris, when he lived in rather humble circumstances in the French capital. But poverty had not broken him. This 70-year-old leader of the Cossacks bore himself as a Duke.

Sitting in a chilly room with a November wind, lashing snowflakes on the curtainless windows

By
**Sirdar Ikbāl
Ali Shah**

of his apartment, he regaled me with stories of long ago when, as the Ukraine also looms large in Central Asia as the last barrier before the Germans may hurl a dashing young Colonel of the Cossacks, he acted aide-camp to the Czar, and had actually become ruler of the Ukraine when the province was under German occupation during the World War.

Later in exile, he organised the National Caucasus Movement against the Soviets with Nazi money; then went to Istanbul offering to incorporate his country into the Turkish Republic. If he could be made king of the Ukraine once again. But Kemal Atatürk declined the offer.

For 20 years Skoropadsky has waited, ever planning, plotting, and keeping in close touch with his "cells," not only in the Ukraine but also in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia.

This soldier of fortune got his chance with the advent of the Nazi in France. Supplied with money and master instructions regarding fifth-column activities, thousands of Skoropadsky's men went to the Ukraine and joined the

terrorist anti-Soviet movement—Ukrainska Vijskova Organizatsia—they hope to enthrone Skoropadsky by accepting Nazi tutelage. In this way they plan to make the Black Sea a German lake so that Nazi forces may move to the oil wells of Baku or carry on their thrust toward Iraq and Iran.

In Iran, the one man of importance until recently was Reza Shah Pahlavi. Soldier-minded and soldier-born, he rose from the ranks. First a trooper, then captain, colonel, War Minister, Prime Minister, till, by evicting the Kajar dynasty of soft-living Shahs of Persia, he was elected as Shahanshah (the King of Kings) in 1925. Like his Turkish counterpart, Kemal, he created a modern state, destroying tribal and feudal domination and reorganising and re-equipping the army. He controlled the power of the clergy, placed public finance in a sound state, revived industry, and strove hard to make Iran a self-sufficient country. Without borrowing from foreigners, he financed from national resources construction of an 870-mile-long Trans-Iranian railway line which connects the Persian Gulf with the Caspian Sea.

The last important figure is His Royal Highness Sirdar Mohamed Hashim Khan—the Afghan Prime Minister. He is the uncle of the youthful Afghan monarch, Mohamed Zahir Shah. Religious and hard-working, he began life as a Civil Servant during the regime of the ex-King Amanullah Khan, and rose to the status of a Governor. Thence he was transferred to the army, where he rose to the rank of general and fought hard in cooperation with his brother, the late Mohamed Nadir Shah, in the recent war of Afghan Revolution.

Since then he has been Prime Minister at Kabul. He has organised Afghan trade, education, and industry upon modern lines, with the result that the Afghanistan of to-day has no national debt, and agriculture and industrialisation have improved to the point of approaching self-sufficiency.

In diplomatic dealings a neutral course is being followed in Afghanistan, for the Prime Minister carries the nation's message of desiring peace in the land and good relations with its neighbours. The young king, young and untried, has emphasised in Afghanistan the unity and solidarity of the Afghan people during the recent war.

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Three Czech Generals Shot

THE SIX CZECHS WHO WERE EXECUTED IN PRAGUE ON SUNDAY, FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF HEYDRICH, THE GESTAPO'S MOST NOTORIOUS KILLER, AS "PROTECTOR," INCLUDED TWO FORMER GENERALS OF THE CZECH ARMY.

One was General Josef Bily, formerly military commander of Bohemia, and Divisional General Hugo Vojti, who was deputy commander of the Seventh Army Corps in Bratislava.

EAGLE PILOTS' THRILL

Two American Eagle pilots on an offensive patrol inside France a few days ago had to fight every inch of the way home. They destroyed two pursuers and damaged another.

The youngest member of the Eagle Squadron, who has now destroyed five enemy aircraft, was on patrol with a comrade. On the way out of France, he saw an ME109 taking off, but before he got within range he saw another one behind it. He fired at this but did not see the result as he swept overhead.

His comrade, flying behind, had seen four others taking off, and shot at one of these.

The two American pilots were towards the end of their patrol and had not sufficient petrol to start a dogfight with opponents who had been freshly fuelled.

They decided to leave well alone and return to their base.

They flew out, one at 500 feet, the other at 1,000 feet.

Several ME 109F dived on the Spitfires half-way across the Channel.

"Two attacked my comrade," said the young Eagle pilot, describing his experience "and four fastened on to me. One of the enemy aircraft, on my tail, opened fire and I was flanked on both sides. I gave one a five-second burst with cannon and machine-gun.

"It shuddered violently, flicked on its back and dived into the sea.

"The enemy on my starboard side made a beam attack on me, during this action and blew my hood off. I turned after him as he passed, behind me and gave him all I'd got.

"Large pieces flew off him and I turned for the English coast.

"But one of the ME109F pilots, probably seeking revenge, pursued me all way to the cliffs of Dover, firing all the time. I used all the evasive tactics I knew but the enemy aircraft was down by a very experienced pilot who often regained his position on my tail.

"Even in that hectic chase, however, I had time to see one thing that gave me a kick — another ME109F so into the sea shot down by my comrade." — British Wireless.

TALK HINT TO TROOPS

The Army is keeping up its war on careless talk.

Commanding officers have been told to impress on men the vital necessity of silence about troop movements.

"It is realised that great hardship would be caused if troops were moved without warning," says the War Office.

"But it must be remembered that the country at this time of crisis cannot afford to lose valuable lives and ships through avoidable indiscretions."

According to news received by Czechoslovak Headquarters in London yesterday, they were arrested under the Emergency Order on Saturday, tried and sentenced on Sunday, and presumably executed before nightfall, or early yesterday morning.

The allegations against them were either sabotage or illegal possession of arms.

Premier's Arrest

News has also been received in London that General Elias, who was Premier of the puppet government of Bohemia and Moravia, who was also arrested on the orders of Heydrich, is already on his way to Berlin where it is believed, he will be tried by the so-called "People's Court."

It is the German allegation that Elias and others have been in contact with London and have been serving the interests of Dr. Benes. This is strenuously denied by Czech headquarters in London.

Twenty More

Later. It is now learned that twenty more Czechs were sentenced to death in Prague yesterday, and the sentences carried out by shooting later.

The victims of Heydrich include the retired Brigadier General Frantisek Horacke, and the leading Communist, Frantisek Wunnsch, baker, of Prague, Jan Pestups, editor, of Prague, Jaroslav Sedlacek, cabinet-maker, of Prague, and Dusan Subrt, clerk, of Prague.

Heydrich, the new "Protector," has decreed that in all the areas of the Protectorate in which the State of Emergency has been proclaimed, there shall be a police curfew in catering establishments, hotels, cinemas and all kinds of amusement houses at 10 p.m.

Meetings Banned

Railway restaurants may remain open as hitherto provided they are used only by the travelling public. The curfew does not apply to German theatres and concerts.

All kinds of meetings, theatre performances, concerts and other Czech cultural or sporting events are prohibited.

This ruling does not apply to shareholders' meetings, nor meetings of the executives or committees of economic corporations, but all such meetings must be announced to the competent authority beforehand. All houses must be locked at 11 p.m. unless an earlier hour is decided in individual municipalities. — Reuter.

Septugenarian

General Josef Bily was a septugenarian. During the last war he had served on the Austrian General Staff.

After 1918, he commanded various Czechoslovak units in Prague and Brno and 1929 (was appointed commanding officer of the Bohemian Command—one of the four Czechoslovak Commands.

Five years later, he retired in view of age.

Hugo Vojta was an artillery specialist. He succeeded in escaping from the Austrian armies to the Russians during the last war when he was appointed Commander of the First Czech Artillery Regiment. He took part in the entire Russian campaign fought by the Czech Legions and returned to his country via Siberia and Japan. — British Wireless.

420,000 HARDSHIP CLAIMS

The Ministry of Pensions has, so far, dealt with 420,000 cases in connection with hardship grants for men serving in the Forces.

WAR IN RUSSIA CLOSELY WATCHED IN WASHINGTON

News from the Russian front indicating that the struggle there has reached a critical phase is being closely watched in Washington, the correspondent of the New York "Sun" reported.

Early in the Soviet campaign, official quarters had expressed fears of a speedy German victory, but the desperate resistance put up by the Russians alleviated these fears. These quarters then believed that the front would be stabilised west of the Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev line, and that the German armies would be immobilised during the winter.

This opinion has been shattered to-day. Observers consider that events in Russia cannot but strengthen the determination of the United States to intensify its aid to Great Britain.

On the whole, the capital city is resolved to bring its task to a successful conclusion, whether the Soviet army collapses, resists, or retreats in good order behind the Ural mountains.

The events in Russia seem to be weakening the isolationist faction owing to the increasing threat against Britain and the United States.

TRIBUTE TO LATE MR. HARROP

At the weekly meeting held this morning of the Food and Firewood Board, the chairman, Brigadier A. Peffers said:

"Before we proceed to the business of the meeting, you will wish me to refer to the passing of one of the most valued members of our staff.

"You know him better than I do, so I need not describe to you Mr. Harrop's outstanding qualities as an individual and as a member of the Food Control Board.

"He will be a very hard man to follow and a very difficult man to replace. I think this Board should record an expression of its appreciation of his services to the Food Control Board and also of sympathy of condolence with his family."

MYRON TAYLOR AT FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Myron Taylor, special U.S. envoy to the Vatican, who is on a brief visit to London, saw Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, yesterday. — British Wireless.

NO DAY RAIDERS

Nothing to report is the official summary of yesterday's enemy air activity over Britain. — British Wireless.

LONG-NOSE BLENHEIMS ARRIVE IN MALAYA

THE OFFENSIVE STRENGTH of the Royal Air Force in the Far East has been further reinforced by the arrival in Singapore of a large number of the latest type long-nose Bristol Blenheim bombers.

For some months it has been the policy to strengthen the Royal Air Force in Malaya by aircraft from the United States. But in recent weeks, apart from the arrival of large numbers of officers and men, there has arrived from British factories maintenance equipment together with complete aircraft.

This means that the Royal Air Force in the Far East is now being fed in men and material from the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

Used Over Germany

The long-nose Blenheim, which is an improvement on the short-nose Blenheim, has been successfully used in large numbers of operations both by the Bomber Command and by the Coastal Command in Great Britain.

These operations have taken the machines well over the industrial heart of Germany as well as the so-called "invasion ports" of France, the Low Countries and Norway.

More than any other type of British bomber, the Blenheim bore the brunt of the Allied counter-attack during the days of the Battle of France. Day after day, continually attacked by the numerically superior opposition, these planes harassed the enemy's advance by bombing troop columns and mechanised units, blowing up bridges and blocking roads.

300 Miles An Hour

Blenheims also played their part in the historic four-day defence of the Calais citadel by dropping water, ammunition and hand-grenades to the beleaguered British troops. Despite intense anti-aircraft fire, our bombers went down to 50 feet to discharge their valuable cargo. Nearly all the British planes were hit.

The long-nose Blenheim has two Bristol Mercury XV engines giving a total of 1,840 horse-power for take-off and a top speed of nearly 300 miles an hour at 15,000 feet. Fully loaded it has an endurance of at least six hours.

The crew of this aircraft consists of the pilot, the navigator, bomb-aimer and the rear gunner, who mans the upper turret just aft of the wings.

UNWANTED, AIDED US

Pilot Officer Harold Isaac Coriat stepped from an R.A.F. bomber after a raid on Brest to find detectives waiting for him.

Coriat was described as a man who, by false pretences, obtained the right to fight for this country when he pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey to making a statement, in an application for a commission in the R.A.F.V.R., having reason to believe it would mislead certain persons in the discharge of their duties.

He was bound over for two years.

Born In Morocco

Mr. E. A. Byrne, prosecuting, said Coriat declared he was Robert Coriat, 34, born at Bideford, but he was 38, born in Morocco, of an English mother and a French father.

Evidence was given of four convictions. Mr. G. D. Roberts, K.C., said he understood that Coriat was transferred, with an excellent character from an officers' training unit.

Wing-Commander J. A. Powell said that the courage Coriat had shown was up to the standard of the Royal Air Force. He would be a loss to the R.A.F.

Mr. Byrne said that Coriat had been dismissed.

NEW GUN SURVIVES HEAVY TEST

A new sub-machine-gun, the invention of an Australian soldier, has survived the most severe tests, according to a Sydney cable this morning.

"Showered with sand, buried in earth, plunged into a tank of water, immersed in a gluey mess of thick clay and mud," these were some of the gruelling tests passed with great success yesterday.

The "Owen sub-machine-gun"—it was, against similar weapons, the only one to fire automatically under all conditions. Military experts described its performance as amazing.

The War Minister, Mr. Spender, who headed a party of spectators of high Army officers, said that the tests appeared to be most satisfactory and if the experts' detailed report was favourable the gun would be put into production.

Simplest Yet

According to official statements, the gun is far more simple to construct than any proved type and the estimated cost is under £10 when mass-produced as compared with £60 to £70 for the well-known type now used.

The 27-year-old inventor, Evelyn Owen, has been released from the Australian Imperial Forces to supervise production.—Reuter.

£8 A WEEK AT 16

A boy, aged 16 put on probation at Bath for appropriating women's under-wear, was said to be earning £8 a week. He was careful with his money it was stated.

FIRMISH TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Stock Exchange in London yesterday was quietly firm with shippings outstanding, Cunard 9s. 6d. against 8s. 3d. on encouraging revenue figures.

Small rises were recorded in gilt-edged securities, home rails, and oils, except Anglo-Iranian. Industrials were mixed with small advances in tobaccos, Rayons, textiles which were offset by set-backs in buildings and breweries. South American rails continued firm but foreign bonds were dull, Brazilians and Japanese easing slightly. Wall Street was narrowly firm.—Reuter.

NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

Lieut.-Colonel Sir John Laurie was chosen at the Guildhall yesterday to be the next Lord Mayor of London.

Sir John who is 69 has been an Alderman since 1931 and was Sheriff in 1935/36. He is Prime Warden of the Sadlers' Company. He is a bachelor.

His great-uncle, Sir Peter Laurie, was Lord Mayor in 1831.—British Wireless.

SALES PROHIBITION

The sale of all textiles, linens, shoes, fur and hats has been suspended in Italy for a fortnight as from to-day, by special decree of the Fascist Ministry of Corporations, states Rome Radio. At the end of the fortnight, all such goods are to be rationed.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL TO REVIEW WAR SITUATION

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE WAR SITUATION WHEN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS RE-ASSEMBLES SHORTLY, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

He will deal at some length with Russia, both as regards the position in the battle areas and the aid this country and the United States have given and can give.

Although normal consultations were only begun yesterday between representatives of Russia, the United States and Great Britain, the time that has elapsed since the Mission arrived in Moscow has not been wasted.

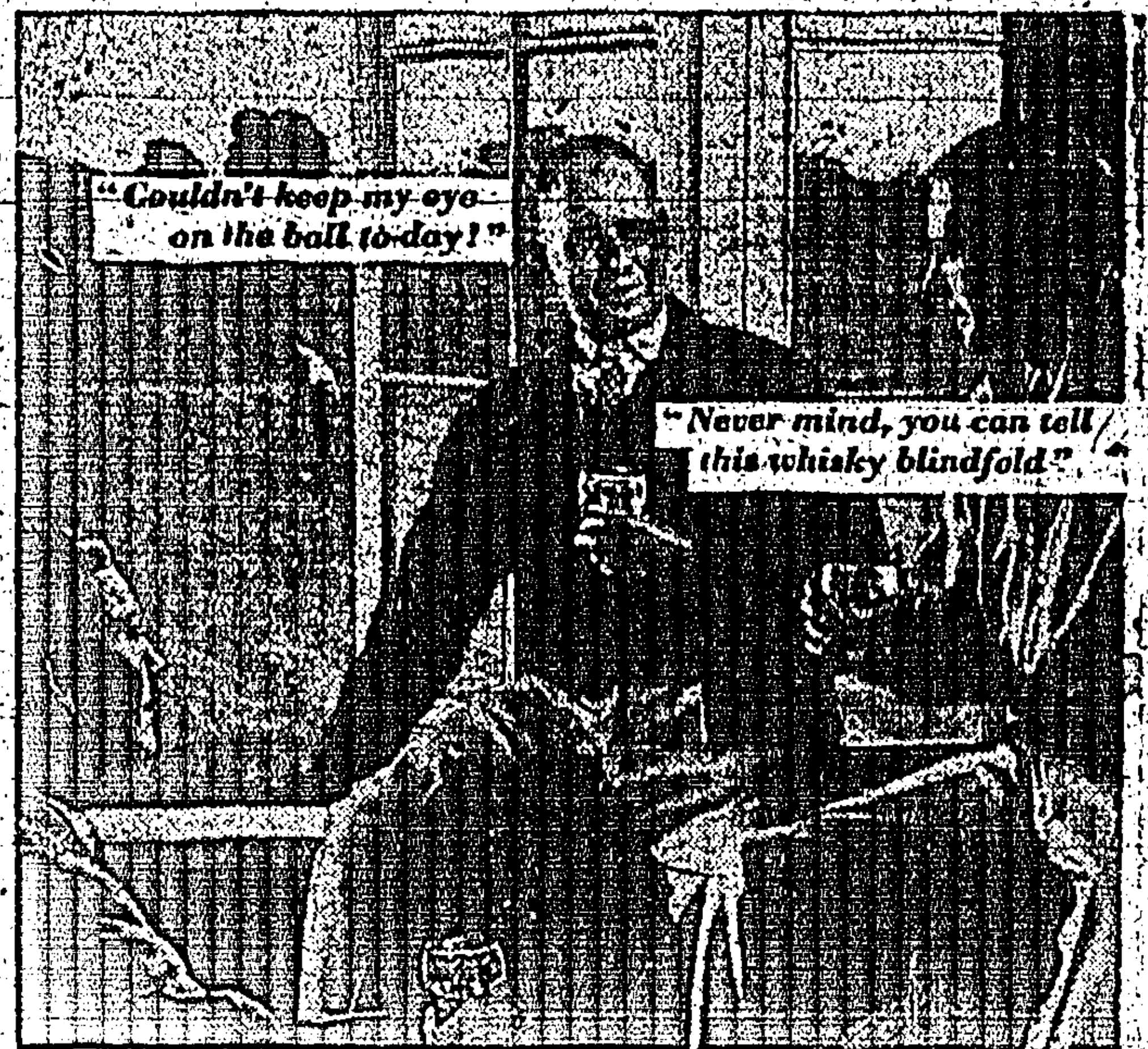
It is unlikely the Prime Minister will be able to give anything more than a preliminary report on the progress so far achieved, though the help sent already is believed to be substantial.

The Prime Minister may also deal with General Wavell's subsequent talks with the Russian Commander in Teheran.

Production Issue

Some members of Parliament are anxious to raise the question of production as it affects help for Russia, but as there will probably be a further opportunity of debating this question after Lord Beaverbrook's return from Moscow, the discussions on the Prime Minister's statement may be confined to general issues.

Subsequently, the Commons will be asked to pass a further vote of credit for £1,000,000,000 for war expenditure.—Reuter.



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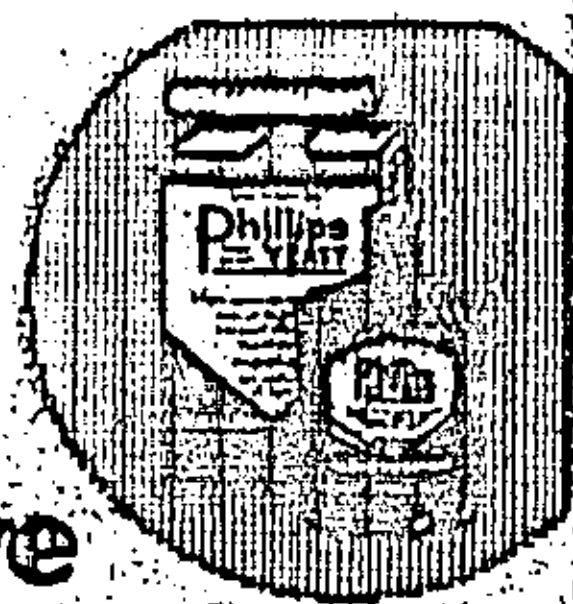
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BRIDGE NOTES

RISKING THE CONTRACT

By The Four Aces

The national bridge tournament now being held at Asbury Park, N. J., brings to mind an interesting point of tournament play there last year:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

NORTH

♠ K 2 2
♥ 5 4 3
♦ K 6 3
♣ A Q 8 7

WEST

♠ 8 7 6 4
♥ 10 9
♦ 8 5
♣ K 10 9 5 4

EAST

♠ 10
♥ K Q J 8 7
♦ J 10 9 7 2
♣ J 2

SOUTH

♠ A Q J 9 5
♥ A 6 2
♦ A Q 4
♣ 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	2♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of hearts, and South took stock. He could count ten tricks which could be taken "on the run." If the hand were being played at rubber bridge, therefore, it would be correct for South to take his ten tricks and let it go at that. But the fact that he was playing tournament bridge made South reconsider.

The hand was going to be played (like all tournament hands) at many tables, and South had to get as good a result as was obtained by any other player scheduled to play the hand. He could see that if the other Souths played the hand at spades, they would make either ten or eleven tricks, depending on the success of the club finesse—which they could take without danger. Furthermore, if at other tables a heart was not the opening lead, the club finesse could be taken without risk.

If the club finesse succeeded, those who took it would beat his score regardless of whether they were playing a spade or a no-trump contract. The danger was obvious: if the finesse lost, he might lose his contract. So the burning question was: Ought he risk his contract just for the chance to make an extra trick?

At rubber bridge, as we have pointed out, the answer would be a resounding "no." But South thought it over along the lines described and quite properly decided to take the finesse. When it succeeded, he was assured of a good score.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Getzenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	(7)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bidding is strong, but slam seems too remote for you to risk the game contract by going any higher. You have no fit for clubs, and may not be able to avoid the loss of a diamond—and some other trick, even if you can win the first or second diamond in the dummy.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for five hearts or four no-trump.

Question No. 334

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Scheeken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	(7)		

What do you bid? (Answer to-morrow).

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DAMAGED BOMBER HOME

Over Germany a bomber pilot heard his rear gunner's voice, "Hullo, Skipper . . .", and then the splutter of shells and machine gun bullets. A Messerschmitt 110 was pouring out a stream of cannon shells and incendiary machine-gun bullets. The perspex in the rear turret was completely shot away and the gunner was wounded in the face. But at once he fired back and he saw his bullets hitting the enemy. After one burst the Messerschmitt dived away.

The bomber crew had attacked a German town and driven off a fighter, but they now had to bring the damaged bomber home. They had to work quickly, for the enemy's incendiaries had set fire to parts of the fuselage. The rear gunner stamped out the flames. When this was done there was more damage to consider. The wireless aerials had been shot away, the wires controlling the rudders were severed, there were holes in the wings, and the undercarriage had been hit. It was a difficult flight and a difficult landing, for when the wheels first touched ground the pilot found that one tyre had been punctured. But he made a safe landing.

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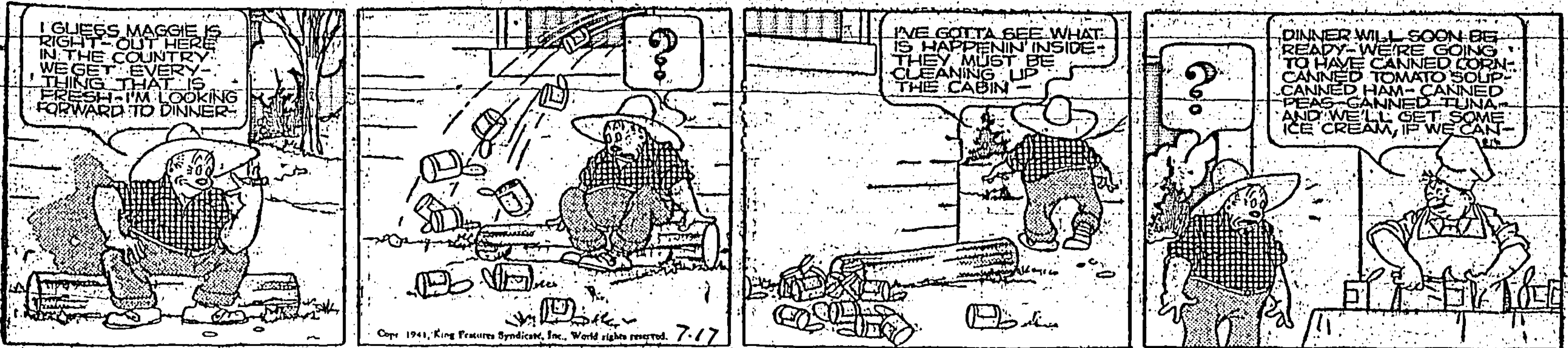
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Aid Of Dress Shields

One hour each week spent in changing and washing dress shields will do much to keep you feeling degrees cooler during hot weather; and the daily use of an anti-perspirant or deodorant will add greatly to your summer poise!

Wearing shields in every dress is no longer considered a chore for the newer designs make changing a simple job. In fact, the newest shield may be sent right along to the dry cleaner without injury to the inner, protective lining. It is fashioned of a new synthetic rubber that is so extremely lightweight that you scarcely know the shields are in your clothes.

If you prefer washable shields there are those tissue thin, lightweight ones which may be pinned into one's gown in a jiffy. These are made with a shorter upper flap for wear with short sleeves, and the longer lower flap still adequately protects the dress from perspiration. For long sleeved dresses the larger shield is suggested as they have uniform flaps and protect a greater area of material. Women who perspire very freely should always buy the larger shield. Both styles are easily washed in warm, soapy water and require no ironing.

For Dolman Sleeves

As the dolman sleeve seems to be having a definite vogue the manufacturers have introduced a dual purpose dress shield which protects gowns of that design. It is cut on the lines of a bolero jacket with dress shields permanently attached and, it not only affords underarm protection but also serves as a back lining preventing shoulder-blade perspiration from discolouring or injuring one's dress. The bolero is made of a fine quality batiste of light weight and does not interfere with the bust line of the gown. This particular shield is a great help to busy career women who find it difficult to take the time to change shields nightly.



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Better Than Oranges

Far above orange juice in vitamin value is the juice from ripe blackcurrants. Every ounce of the precious crop should be bottled or stored for the children this winter.

The juice is soon extracted from the berries, as over-ripe fruit, is preferable for the flavour. Prepare them by picking over well and removing mouldy or spoiled fruit. Dirty berries can be rinsed clean in a colander under a slow running tap. Do not bother to pick out the stems, as these are removed as the pulp is strained.

Place the weighed fruit in a basin, add half-pint cold water to each pound of fruit, and heat slowly over a saucepan of boiling water till the juice flows freely. From time to time crush the fruit with a wooden spoon.

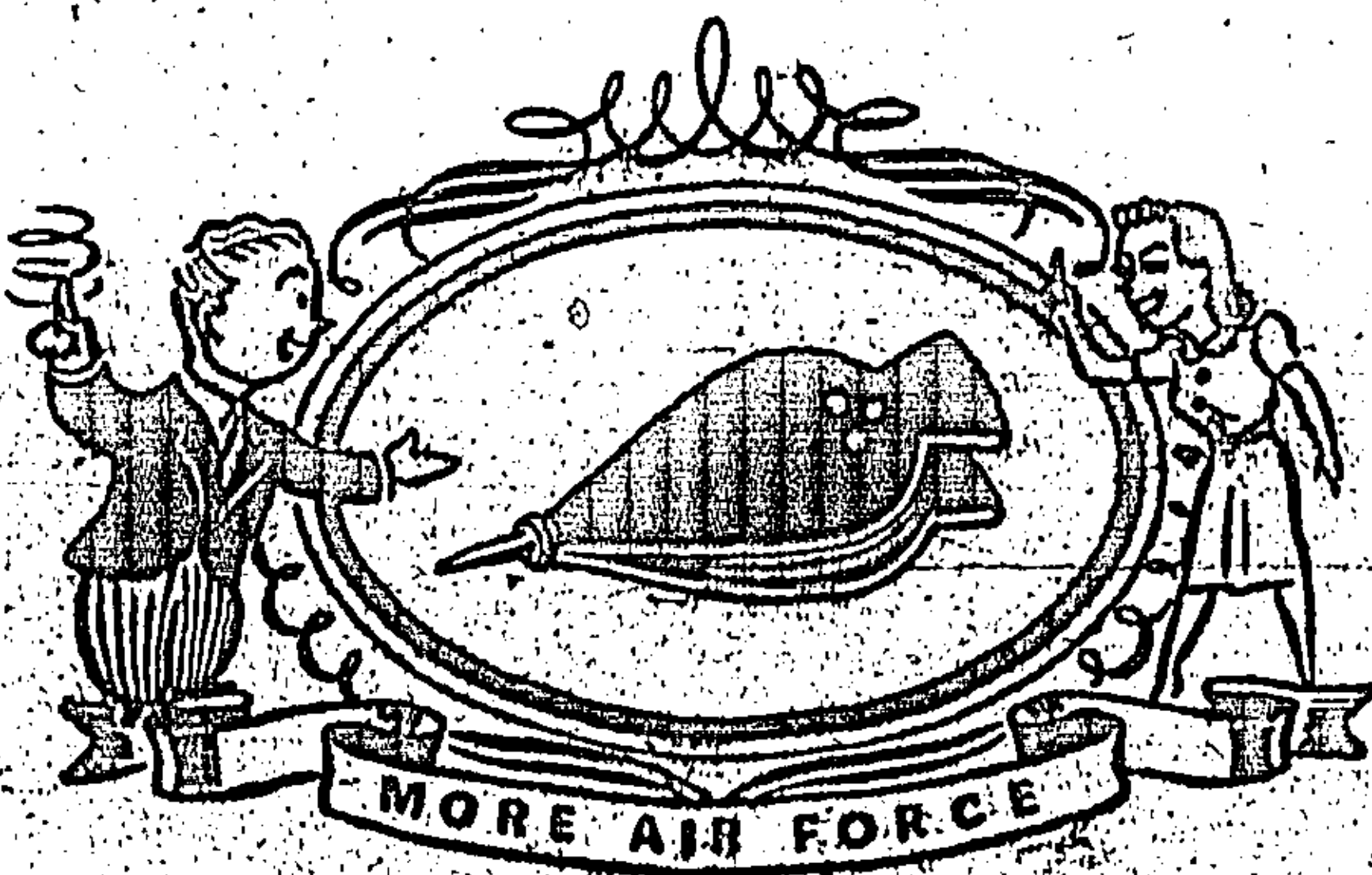
Next turn the whole of the fruit with juice into a scalded jelly bag, and hang up so that the juice can drip through.

When all the juice has dripped through bring it to the boil in a large enamel or preserving pan and turn into hot, dry jars, filling them to within two inches of the screw-cap level.

Put the tops on the jars—not fully screwed down—place on a rack in a large fish kettle or steriliser completely covered with cold water. Bring slowly to the simmer point—165deg. Fahrenheit—and keep there steadily for half an hour.

Remove the jars, place on a wooden table, and allow to cool for storage. If patent jars have been used, now is the time to tighten the screw-bands while they are hot. Store in a cool, dry place ready as an emergency food for the winter.

Two or three teaspoonfuls of this juice is a valuable protection for children.



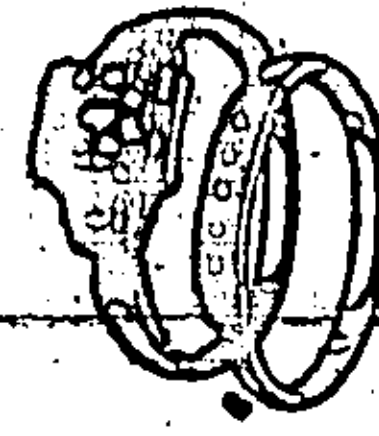
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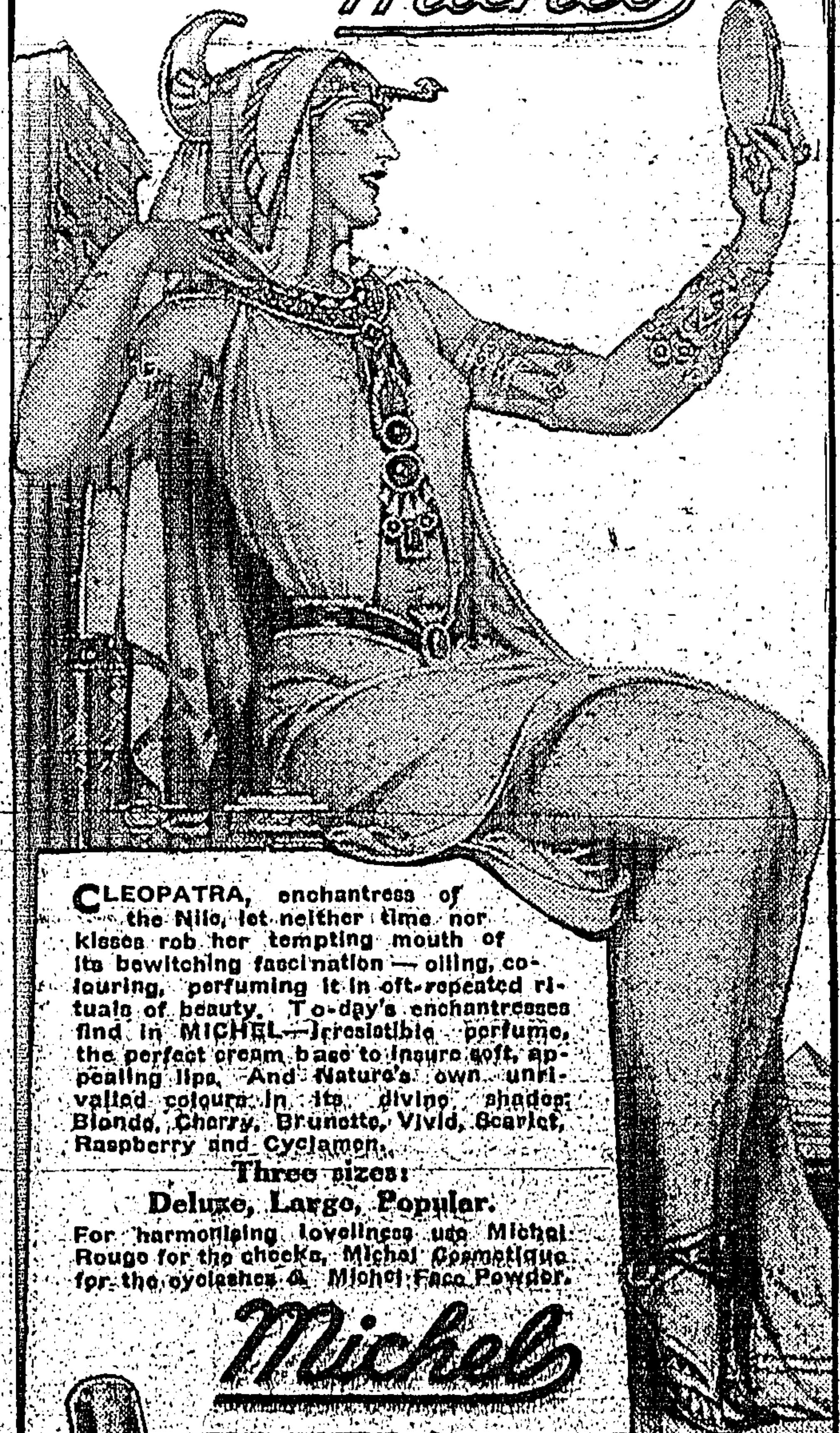
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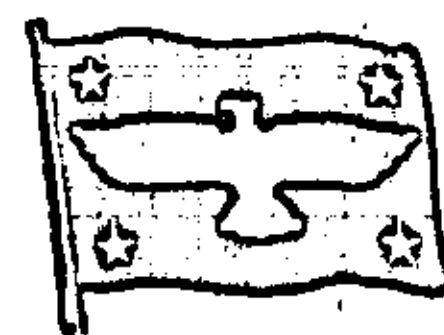
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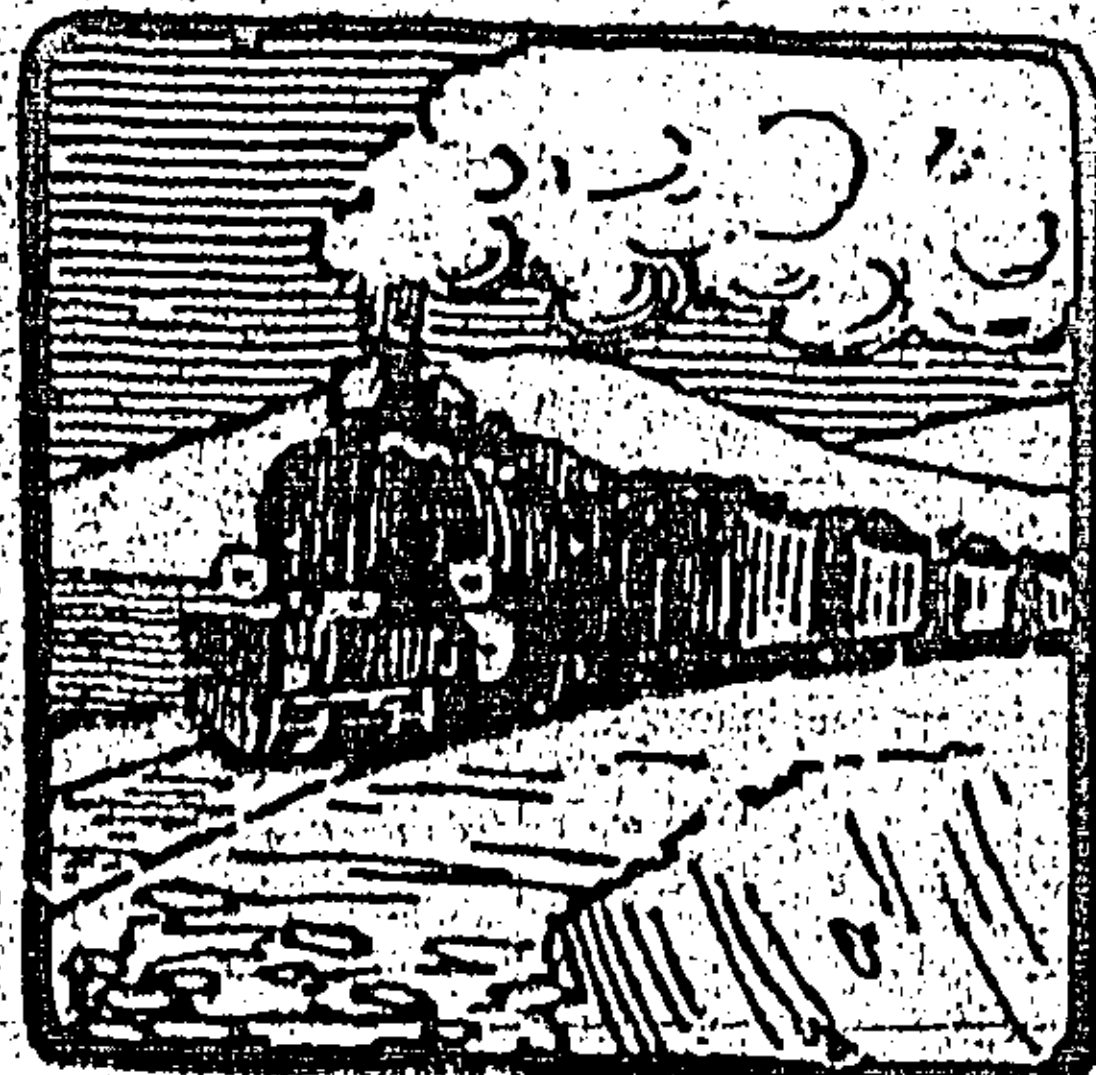
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercon-

sion.

12.30 p.m.—Film selections.

"Outside Of Paradise"—Outside Of

Paradise—A Sweet Irish Sweetheart

Of Mine... Phil Regan (Vocal)

with Orchestra.

"On The Avenue"—Selection... Louis

Levy & his Gaumont-British Sym-

phon.

"Big Broadcast of 1938"—New Thanks

For The Memory... Thanks For

The Memory... Two Sleepy People

...Bob Hope & Shirley Ross

(Vocal) with Orchestra.

"Everybody Sing"—Selection... Louis

Levy & his Orchestra.

"The Lullaby"—My Heart Will

Be Dancing... Jane Knight (Vocal)

with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Pro-

gramme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Mozart—Divertimento, No.

17 in D Major, The London Philhar-

monic Orchestra conducted by Sir

Hamilton Harty.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby and Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Reginald Foort at the Organ.

Cloister Shadows (Hope); Song Of

Paradise (King); Serenade (Mous-

sorgsky); Seville (from "Citties of

Romance"—Haydn Wood; Lullworth

Cove (Shadwell)...with The B.B.C.

Variety Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Sweetest Of All; Golden Rain (Wald-

teufel); Vienna Citizen (Ziehrer);

Indian Summer (Lohr)...Orchestra

Mascotte.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—My Wubba Dolly... Lew

Stone & his Band.

Slow Fox-Trots—I Hear A Dream

Come Again; Why Couldn't

It Last Last Night?... Oscar Rabin

and his Band.

Fox-Trots—Memories Of You; Soft

Winds... Benny Goodman's Sextet.

Fox-Trots—If I Only Had A Brain;

If I Only Had A Heart (both from

the film "Wizard of Oz")... Victor

Young & his Orchestra.

Tango—Moonlight On The Rio

Grande; Fireflowers... Heinz Hup-

pertz & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—We Three (My Echo, My

Shadow & Me); Five O'Clock

Whistle... Jay Wilbur & his Band.

Waltz—If Tears Could Bring You

Back; Quick-Step—On The Sunny

Side Of The Street... Victor Silver-

ter & his Ballroom Orchestra.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening

Post". Examination of Points in

Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Old Time Variety.

Vocal—Ellaline Terriss & Seymour

Hicks Medley—Intro: Honeysuckle

And The Bee; Only A Penny, Sir;

Simple Little String; Church Par-

ade; Louisiana Lou; I Want Her, Ma

Honey; And Her Golden Hair Was

Hanging Down Her Back... Ellaline

Terriss & Seymour Hicks with Orch.

Orchestral—Jubilee Dance Memories

No. 1—Intro: I'm Afraid To Go

Home In The Dark; Alexander's

Ragtime Band; Oh, You Beautiful

Doll; Get Out & Get Under; Under-

neath The Stars; Hello! Who's Your

Lady Friend?; If You Were The

Only Girl In The World; Let The

Great Big World Keep Turning;

Good-bye-ee... The New Mayfair

Orchestra.

Vocal—Billy Merson Memories—Intro:

Singsong; A Prairie Life For Me;

On The Good Ship Yacki Hicki

Doola... Billy Merson & Chorus

with Orchestra.

Organ—Good Old Songs Medley—Intro:

Daisy Bell (Dacre); Nellie

Dean (Armstrong); The Man Who

Broke The Bank At Monte Carlo

(Gilbert); Here We Are Again

(Godfrey & Williams); Ta-ra-ra-

boom-de-ay (Savers); Down At The

Old Bull & Bush (von Tilzer)...

Reginald Foort.

Vocal Medley—The Naughty Nineties

—Intro: Maiden's Prayer; While

London's Fast Asleep; Two Lovely

Black Eyes; As Your Hair Grows

Whiter; Glorious Beer... Old Timer

Sketch Company with Fred

Hartley's Quintet.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and An-

nouncements.

9.02 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and

Landauer.

The Spinning Wheel (Rawicz).

In A Persian Market (Ketelbey).

Fledermaus—Fantasy (Strauss)—arr.

Rawicz & Landauer).

Gipsy Baron—Fantasy (Strauss).

9.15 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

"The Arcadians"—Selection (Monck-

ton)...The Band of H.M. Cold-

stream Guards.

"The Sorcerer"—Vocal Gems (Sulliv-

van)...Light Opera Company with

Orchestra.

Lullaby—Selection (Schubert,

arr. Clutsum)...The New Mayfair

Orchestra.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on

4.45 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hun-

garian Gypsy Orchestra.

You Are The Teller! My Little Vol-

vet Hat! Oni How Long It Boats;

Hungarian Czardas of George Raby

SPITFIRES CAN TAKE IT

In the Battle of Britain last year Royal Air Force fighter pilots frequently brought their Spitfires and Hurricanes back to their aerodromes shot to pieces by enemy fire. "Pieces of lace," they used to call them, and it was a miracle how some of them flew at all.

The modern British fighter machines are even tougher than those of last year—they have to be, for now that the daylight air war front has swung to the other side of the Channel the pilots have further to fly back after their dog-fights.

The pilot of one Spitfire which got back badly damaged shot down two Me.109's well inside France, before he had to cut and run for home.

"I was hit by cannon shells from an Me. 109 which must have got on my tail," he said. "The port aileron controls were damaged, the control column was knocked out of my hand and the aircraft went into a spin. I recovered after I had passed through cloud and found myself 1,000 feet about Bethune.

"The machine appeared to be still flyable though the left wing was very low on account of the damage to the controls. In addition, the port wing flap and undercarriage mechanism were damaged, large parts of the panelling had been damaged by splinters of cannon shell and splinters had entered my left arm and left thigh.

"The oil pressure gauge regis-

(Boka Karoly); You Can't Forbid A Flower; The Sleeves Of My Jacket Are Tied Up; My Sweetie Is Roaming About; How I Could Lament; Hungarian Quick Czardas Dances—Potpourri.

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Two Songs by Theodore Charlapine (Bass).

Patter Song (from "Russian & Lullaby"—Glinka).

Aria Of The Miller (from "Roussalka"—Dargomyzhsky).

10.25 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 5 in E Minor, Op. 64.

1st. Mov. Andante—Allegro con anima; 2nd. Mov. Andante—cantabile, con alicia; 3rd. Mov. Valse (Allegro Moderato); 4th. Mov. Finale—(Andante maestoso—Allegro vivace)—Moderato assai e molto maestoso—Presto... Leopold Stokowski & The Philadelphia Orch.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

tered only 10 lbs. per square inch, but as the temperature remained normal, I assumed that the gauge was damaged—this later proved to be the case.

"I climbed into cloud, flying towards Gravelines, and remained in it until it ended over St. Omer, where I was fired on by anti-aircraft batteries. I flew over a number of aerodromes at 3,000 feet, crossed the French coast about 4 feet up and continued at the same height over the Channel.

"Owing to the damage to the undercarriage I decided to crash land at base—which I did successfully."

A sergeant pilot who had his first flight only two months ago and now has a 'bag' of at least six Me's destroyed, was hit in the tail, fuselage and accumulator while trying to shake off five Me's which attacked him over France.

"This," he reported when he got back, "interfered somewhat with the rudder control, but my machine was still able to fly and I had no difficulty in coming home."

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M. N. RAKUSEN, COLONY LAWN BOWLS CHAMPION, CAME VERY NEAR TO BEING ELIMINATED IN THE 1941 COLONY SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP WHEN, PLAYING N. A. E. MACKAY IN THE SECOND ROUND AT KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB YESTERDAY, HE WON ONLY BY 21-18 AFTER 25 ENDS. HE WAS TRAILING 17-18 AT THE 24TH.

In addition to the above game, 12 other Second Round ties were decided, all these resulting as expected, the easiest win of the day being credited to U. M. Omar who in beating Y. Abbas by 21-4, took 11 ends to reach game, allowing his opponent to score at only two ends!

A. R. DALLAH, FINALIST IN 1939, SHOWED GOOD FORM WHEN HE BEAT H. NISH 22-8 AFTER 18 ENDS. THE FORMER WINDING UP WITH A "POSSIBLE" TO FINISH A GOOD DAY'S BOWLING, BUT HIS CLUBMATE, S. M. RUMJAHN, TOOK 24 ENDS TO SCORE 22 AGAINST DOWMAN'S 18.

J. Shepherd, Police R. C. skip, had a surprisingly easy win over A. H. Rumjahn and B. W. Bradbury beat J. H. Gelling, after 19 ends, by 21-8 at Civil Service Cricket Club.

Walker Succeeds

At Police Recreation Club W. L. Walker beat D. A. Rozario by 21-10 at the 21st end. The score was eight all at the 12th but Walker, with 2 3 2 1 1 took the lead to 17-8 at the 17th. After conceding a two at the next end he finished with 1 1 2.

W. L. Walker: 1 0 1 0 1 2 1 0 1 0 2 3 2 1 1 1 2 = 21
D. A. Rozario: 0 1 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 = 10

At Hong Kong Football Club J. C. Aitken beat W. Ward by 21-9 at the 16th end.

Aitken was down 8-6 at the 9th but with 4 1 2 4 2 led 19-8 at the 14th. Ward then scored a single but Aitken finished the game with a two.

J. C. Aitken: 2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 0 4 1 2 4 2 0 2 = 21
W. Ward: 0 2 0 1 0 2 1 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 9

Bradbury Wins Easily

At Civil Service Cricket Club B. W. Bradbury beat J. H. Gelling by 21-8 at the 19th end.

Bradbury led by only 9-7 at the 10th but was leading 20-7 at the 17th with 1 2 2 1 3 1 1. Gelling scored a single at the next end and at the following end Bradbury obtained the necessary shot to win.

B. W. Bradbury: 1 0 1 0 2 0 4 0 1 0 1 2 2 1 3 1 1 = 21
J. H. Gelling: 0 2 0 1 0 2 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 = 8

At Civil Service Cricket Club, J. Shepherd beat A. H. Rumjahn by 21-10 at the 21st end.

Shepherd led 14-4 at the 12th but Rumjahn with 1 1 1 1 2 reduced the lead to 14-10 at the 17th. This was the last of his scoring as Shepherd ran out with 2 3 1 1.

J. Shepherd: 0 0 2 2 1 0 0 3 1 1 2 2 0 0 0 0 2 3 1 1 = 21
A. H. Rumjahn: 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 2 0 0 0 0 = 10

At Club de Recreio, A. R. Dallah beat H. Nish by 22-8 at the 16th end.

Dallah led 5-0 at the third and 13-2 at the 9th. He took the lead to 18-5 at the 15th. Nish then scored a single and a two, but Dallah scored a four at the next.

A. R. Dallah: 1 2 2 0 2 2 1 2 1 0 1 2 1 0 0 4 = 22
H. Nish: 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 2 0 = 8

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, U. M. Omar beat Y. Abbas by 21-4 at the 11th end.

Abbas scored at only two ends, a single at the second and a three at the 6th, while Omar included four threes and four twos in his total.

U. M. Omar: 1 0 3 3 0 3 3 3 2 3 = 21
Y. Abbas: 0 1 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 = 4

Hall Recovers Well

At Kowloon Football Club, A. J. Hall beat R. Baza by 21-10 at the 10th end.

Baza started well and was leading 0-2 at the 6th, and 7-4 at the 9th. Hall then had 2 3 4 2 to

lead 15-8 at the 14th. After conceding two singles Hall finished up with 1 0 3 2.

A. J. Hall: 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 3 4 2 0 1 0 3 2 = 21
R. Baza: 0 1 1 2 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0 = 10

At Club de Recreio, J. G. Meyer beat R. Leigh by 21-18 at the 23rd end thanks to a 3 at the last end.

The game was evenly contested. The score was eight all at the 9th. At the 13th Meyer led 9-11 but Leigh with 1 1 2 led 13-11 at the 16th. A three at the 20th gave Meyer an 18-14 lead, but Leigh drew level at the 22nd with 1 and 3. Meyer scored a three at the next end.

J. G. Meyer: 0 0 2 0 3 2 0 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 2 0 3 0 0 3 = 21
R. Leigh: 1 1 0 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 1 0 1 2 0 0 1 0 1 3 0 = 18

Blanked 12 Ends

At Kowloon Cricket Club, C. M. Silva beat H. White by 21-12 at the 20th end.

White started in grand style, opening with a four and was leading 7-5 at the 5th and 12-6 at the 8th. White failed to score at the remaining ends, and Silva reeled off six singles and 2 1 1 3 1 1 to win comfortably.

C. M. da Silva: 0 2 3 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 1 3 1 = 21
H. White: 4 0 0 2 1 0 2 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 12

At Kowloon Football Club, H. Overy beat L. A. Jordan by 22-18 at the 20th end.

With a four at the second end Jordan scored 11 shots at six ends before Overy opened his scoring. Overy then scored 3 3 3 1 to be led 11-10 at the 10th. After giving away three Overy then had 3 2 1 0 2 to lead 18-16 at the 17th. Jordan tied the score at 18-18 at the next end but Overy scored the necessary shots with 1 1 2 to win a hard game.

H. Overy: 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 3 1 0 3 2 1 0 2 1 1 2 = 22
L. A. Jordan: 1 4 1 1 2 2 0 0 0 3 0 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 0 = 18

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, S. M. Rumjahn beat C. Dowman by 22-18 at the 24th end.

Rumjahn was down 13-5 at the 10th but with 2 2 3 was only one shot in arrears at the 13th. The score was 16-11 at the 19th. Rumjahn finished strongly with 1 1 1 0 3 to win by four shots.

S. M. Rumjahn: 2 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 2 0 2 2 3 0 0 1 2 1 0 1 0 3 = 22
C. Dowman: 0 2 2 1 1 0 2 1 0 4 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 = 18

Champion's Escape

At Kowloon Football Club, M. N. Rakusen, holder, beat N. A. E. Mackay by 21-18 at the 25th through a possible at the last end.

After a four at the second, Mackay was down 4-5 at the 4th but with 1 1 1 2 led 9-5 at the 8th. Rakusen led 13-11 at the 15th and 16-13 at the 19th. Mackay with 1 2 0 1 1 took the lead, at 18-17 at the 24th, but a four at the next end gave the champion victory.

M. N. Rakusen: 1 0 3 1 0 0 0 0 1 2 1 2 0 0 2 0 0 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 4 = 21
N. A. E. Mackay: 0 4 0 0 1 1 1 2 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 = 18

POSTPONED GAMES

Following matches were postponed:

W. K. Way v. D. Zimmerman
J. Noronha v. J. McKelvie
J. Hompaer v. A. Lepsey

SHANGHAI SWIMMING SEASON

EARLY IN THE SUMMER WHEN SHANGHAI AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION MET FOR THE FIRST TIME LITTLE HOPE WAS ENTERAINED THAT THE SEASON WOULD BE ANYTHING BUT MEDIOCRE AND LACKING IN NEW TALENT. WRITES THE "NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS." THERE WAS CERTAINLY GOOD REASONS FOR THIS ASSUMPTION.

All of the outstanding swimmers of the past two years—Dick Hall in the breast stroke, the sensational Jackie Lumsdaine of back stroke fame and "Toby" Gavriloff, Shanghai's leading free style swimmer in a decade, were no longer in the city. Archie Logan, veteran of many years of first-class swimming competition, had retired. Bobbie Hekking, last year's sprint champion, was reported to be suffering from a weak heart. Charlie Butt was still a mere youngster.

But, undaunted, the Committee of the S.A.S.A., under the able leadership of Mr. Jack Dearn, himself a prominent figure in local swimming circles for many years, worked hard to maintain the standard of previous years and succeeded nobly into the bargain.

Chie A Newcomer

First indications that a new swimming star had flashed on the local horizon were received at the heats of the A.S.F. Gala on Wednesday, August 13, when T. S. Chie—a newcomer to Shanghai—beat Hekking in the 220 yards free style. Chie displayed promise of better things to come and he did not disappoint these prognosticators in the final on Saturday, when Hekking and the Chinese star battled neck-and-neck throughout the entire 220 yards in one of the most thrilling races seen here in a long time.

Hekking managed to win—by a touch—in the good time of 2 minutes 37-3/5 seconds, which though eight seconds above the record established by "Toby" Gavriloff in 1939, was the best performance in the last few years.

880 Yards Record

Chie vindicated contentions that he would improve the longer the distance he swam by scoring an easy victory in the 440 yards the following week, defeating Hekking by some 25 yards in the excellent time of 5 minutes 43-4/5 seconds. Outside the record of 5 minutes 34-1/5 seconds set up by M. Matsushita in 1936, this was the best performance in the 440 ever seen in a local competition.

Chie climaxed his meteoric appearance in local swimming with a record-breaking achievement in the 880 yards when he

shattered the mark of 12 minutes 5-3/5 seconds, established by Don Smith in 1936, by 11 seconds. The Chinese was never extended throughout the race—all the other competitors with the exception of G. Stephen scratching earlier in the evening—but he maintained a steady, driving pace that easily swept the record by the board.

Chie's Further Laurels

Further laurels were added to this performance by the fact that Chie covered the first 440 yards in 5 minutes 20 seconds, thus unofficially breaking the local record for this distance with nearly 15 seconds to spare! It was the only record of the season—but one that Shanghai could well be proud of considering local conditions.

Bobbie Hekking proved a big disappointment this year in the shorter free style events, possibly through his weak heart, being nearly edged out by R. Leoni of the A.S.F. in the 100 yards and bowing to H. Ballerand in a sensational upset in the 50 yards. Hekking recorded 59-4/5 seconds in the 100, more than a second above the mark he clocked in 1940, while the 50 yards event was won in 26-3/5 seconds—the slowest time since 1931. The only hope next year in these championships is young Charlie Butt, a 15-year-old youngster who promises to smash all local free style records before long.

Butt Approaches 25

Swimming in the Foreign "Y" championship Butt actually recorded 26-1/5 seconds for the 50 yards, while he is reported to have come close to 25 flat during training this year. He had little difficulty in winning both Shanghai Junior Championships, taking the 220 yards free style in 2 minutes 41-3/5 seconds, and the 100 yards free style in 61-1/5—both without being extended in the least.

What was a more outstanding performance on his part, however—though few perhaps realised it at the time—was the 31 seconds he recorded in the 50 yards breast stroke Foreign "Y" championship at the "Y" Gala. This is equivalent to approximately a 69 second 100 yards, or virtually the Shanghai record of 68-3/5 seconds which Dick Hall established in 1939 and which has never before been touched in China. Butt actually covered the distance—using the butterfly stroke—in faster time than Ernie Smith—the local back stroke champion—recorded for the 50 yards, the latter, of course, employing the normally faster stroke.

Breast-Stroke Events

O. Grebenshikoff had little difficulty in winning both the men's breast stroke championships—the 100 and the 200. While his time of 76-3/5 seconds for the 100 was poor compared to Hall's mark (and Butt's comparative performance last Saturday), he came close to the record in the 200 yards, in which he was clocked at 2 minutes 52-4/5 seconds. The record, set by Hall in 1939, is 2 minutes 50-1/5 seconds. Like Grebenshikoff, Ernie Smith swept the board in the back stroke championships, with V. Matluk, a promising newcomer from the Foreign "Y," taking second place, while Smith also won the men's 150 yards medley swim in fast time. With three championships to his credit, Ernie Smith was thus the outstanding individual swimmer of the season.

In the ladies' free style events it was Leila Holding all the way, while the back stroke and breast stroke championships fell to the respective champions and record-holders—Jill Peach and Doreen Gray—without difficulty.

From present indications the 1942 championship should be exceedingly interesting, with such potential record material as Charlie Butt, Ballerand, Hekking and Chie available.

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REFLECTIONS ON SEASON'S OPENING SOCCER ENCOUNTERS

By "Referee"

The football season, which opened on Saturday was featured by several upsets, the biggest of which was the defeat of South China, champions, by Kwong Wah on Sunday, and a glut of goals in all three Divisions.

Kwong Wah's win was well-deserved as they played good football and took their chances as they came, and this early success should give them every encouragement.

The inclusion of Lee Kwok-wai and Chan Tak-fai, erstwhile South China players, greatly strengthened the team, while Fook Yiu-wah, who played for South China last season, fitted well into the side.

TWO players, and two players only, made all the difference to the St. Joseph's side that unexpectedly beat Police by five clear goals. Guy, by taking over the pivotal position, supplied a long-felt want, as not only did this strengthen the side, but allowed both Leonard and Hussain to revert to their old positions at back.

Marshall, formerly of Royals, showed perfect understanding with the rest of the forwards. He played a sound game, falling back to help the defence when occasion demanded, and sending out good ground passes to Costa on the left-wing.

MIDDLESEX did well against Eastern in the first half to be down by the only goal, scored by Hau Ching-to. They also had their share of the game in the early stages of the second half but could not put the finishing touches

to their movements. Eastern finished strongly and scored four goals in quick succession.

Pelham's Fine Game

SAPPERS put up an unexpected-ly good fight against Sing Tao, and to the surprise of even their own supporters were three goals in the lead early in the game. Pelham played a grand game, and was the chief schemer.

Birrell's display on Saturday and in practice games earlier clearly shows that he is more valuable in the attack than in the intermediate line.

BLAZZARD, Service Corps full-back, who recently arrived from Home, gave a grand display against Police Juniors. He was clean in his tackling and never wasted a clearance, and more should be heard of him in the next few weeks. He appears certain to secure a place in the junior representative charity game on October 10.

P. CASTRO and W. Maher, who signed on for St. Joseph's, have requested transfers to play for Shell Sports Club.

NIX, who played for Association in the recent charity match, and Stanton, a full-back, both of Middlesex, have obtained permission to play for St. Joseph's.

THE stands at Boundary Street will not be ready for the Kwong Wah-Sing Tao First Division game on Saturday, and arrangements are now being made for the game to be played at Caroline Hill.

Referees Not Too Fit

IN spite of the advice given some time ago by the committee of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association for referees and linesmen to get fit, several officials appeared to be badly in need of training for the opening games.

UNBIASED sources state that a certain referee played several minutes extra in the first half of a senior game last Saturday. If true, this does not speak well for the referee, unless he made allowance for time lost during that period, but no protest will be sustained as the referee's decision, on point of fact and on question of time, is final. He is the official time-keeper of the match.

THE three leading Chinese Clubs, South China, Eastern and Sing Tao, have reached an agreement not to ask senior players of other clubs to join them.

This will eliminate a lot of the annual transfers. A player may be taken from another club provided he obtains a place in the senior team. By this way the three clubs hope to keep their teams together.

Varsity Misfortune

UNIVERSITY, who made their return to League football on Saturday, have the makings of a good side, but, unfortunately, most of their players are interested in other sport. They will be engaged in cricket on Saturdays and hockey on Wednesdays, and it is therefore only on Sundays that they can field their best side.

DURING the First Division game between Kwong Wah and Sing Tao, it was observed that much time was lost in retrieving the ball when it cleared the stands. I suggest that that another equally good ball be kept in readiness at all football games, thus eliminating any undue waste of time.

ON many grounds corner flags are not up to requirements. The laws of the game provide for a flag at each corner on a post not less than 6ft. high, having a non-pointed top. On some grounds, the

SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION SHOW A PROFIT

A profit of \$1,161.27, was reported at the annual meeting of Hong Kong Softball Association yesterday evening. Dr. F. J. Molten presided.

Closing date for entries to the League was fixed for October 7 at 5.45 p.m., when the next meeting will be held at Filipino Club, King's Park. Entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. E. Ribeiro) c/o Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Union Building.

Registration forms will be issued individually and must be signed before members will be allowed to play.

According to present arrangements, First Division matches will be played at Kowloon F.C. and Second Division games at Chatham Road.

A match has been arranged at K.F.C. on November 11 at 2.30 p.m. between Canadian Chinese girls and Wilcates in conjunction with the display by the League of Health and Beauty.

Following officers were elected: President—Dr. F. J. Molten; Vice-President—R. Ogden; Hon. Secretary—A. E. Ribeiro; Hon. Treasurer—H. A. Barros.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOTING

Draft Rules For Knock-Out Series

Mr. A. F. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Rifle Association (Miniature Rifle Section) has forwarded us the draft rules for the proposed Winter "Knock-Out" Competition, in connection with which Clubs or units intending to take part are invited to communicate with him:

COUNTRY GOLF CLUB MEETING

Mr. A. W. Ramsay (President) was in the chair at the annual meeting of Country Golf Club yesterday, and reported that the Club showed a loss for the year of \$763. It was pointed out, however, that this was essentially a book loss and in no way detracted from the successful running of the Club. Membership showed an increase of 10.

Mr. F. E. A. Remedios was elected President and the following were the Committee members elected: Messrs H. Kew, C. H. T. Suen, A. R. Pinna, K. T. Ooi, F. X. Silva, M. F. Pinna, M. A. Simoes and A. T. Lee. Messrs T. A. Martin and Co. were re-elected auditors.

VALLEY GOLF TEAM

Following will represent Happy Valley against Kowloon Golf Club on October 12: H. H. Mundy (Captain), N. J. Bebbington, N. J. Booker, A. C. I. Bowker, M. A. Cairns, G. Davies, E. Greenwood, L. M. S. Lloyd, J. W. MacDonald, A. McKellar, A. H. Penn, K. S. Robertson, J. A. R. Selby, W. Sharp, W. A. Stewart, W. Stoker, J. M. Thomson and G. E. Willerton.

corner flags do not come up to the required measurements, and constitute a danger to the players.

THE examination of aspiring civilian football referees will be held in the Association's Offices, Des Voeux Road Central, this evening at 5.30 p.m. Among the candidates are O. Sadick, N. Delgado, J. Peralta, and T. Lai.

IT is reckoned that the Middlesex Second Division team hit the woodwork on at least a dozen occasions in their game against Eastern on Saturday when they were 4-5 down. When they at last secured the equaliser, however, they added another three in quick succession to win by 3 goals to 5.

TWO pleasing features of the opening programme of football matches were that there were no postponements or unpleasant incidents.

FOGWILL, who played for Club Juniors several years ago, will be playing again and will be seen for Club in their League game against Signals to-morrow.

ST. Joseph's hope to be further strengthened by two Service men in a fortnight's time, but who they are is still a secret.

KIT Club are expected to give a better performance in future games as they were unable to have any practice matches prior to their opening League game.

D. Alves, former Club de Recreio full-back, has signed on for Shell Sports Club.

\$2,500 CRICKET BAT

By "Incog."

Shanghai cricketer have set a fashion that might well be copied by Hong Kong players. In a recent match, the Wood Trophy game between Shanghai Cricket Club and Shanghai Recreation Club, opportunity was taken to swell the British War Fund.

A considerable amount was raised, including the sum of N. C. \$2,500 as the result of a "Dutch" auction conducted on a bat which belonged to the late Dr. W. E. O'Hara, former Interport spin bowler.

According to M. J. Divecha, the Parsee C. C. and Reds player who has played in six Interports (four in Shanghai and two here) and who is here on a visit at the moment, two of the series of three Wood Trophy games had been washed out by rain. For the last game those in charge decided to have "something special" in aid of British War Funds. Tents were pitched all round the S. C. C. ground, and sweeps were conducted on the game.

Game Drawn

The game itself ended in a draw with the scores as follows:—S.C.C. 162 (J. Pote-Hunt 44 and 13 strokes 63). S.R.C. 179 (F. H. Kermani 41, M. J. Divecha 24) and 105 for 6 (M. J. Divecha 20 not out, P. Madar 18 not out). In the second innings, Reds needed 115 runs and had over two hours in which to get them. The first five batsmen failed and with a little over 50 runs on the board Pat Madar joined Divecha and these two played out time.

Sinclair Succeeds Leach

Divecha is now captaining Parsees Cricket Club for the 20th season in succession, and is in addition their vice-president. He first played in Interport matches in 1922, when he visited Hong Kong, and in his opinion Donald Leach is the "finest" all-round cricketer he has seen in Shanghai or Hong Kong. Divecha said that Leach left Shanghai recently for Australia where he will try to join up though "age might be against him as he is 41 years old."

A. C. Sinclair, well-known Interport swimmer, has taken over the captaincy of Shanghai Cricket Club from Leach and is fast settling down to the job. Divecha added that Sam Isaacs, swing bowler, is still very keen on the game, though his "eyes are very bad."

ANOTHER WIN FOR CHINESE Y

Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Wah Kiu by 63 points to 52 in the Open Basketball League yesterday. Youths were given a walk-over by Victoria Recreation Club.

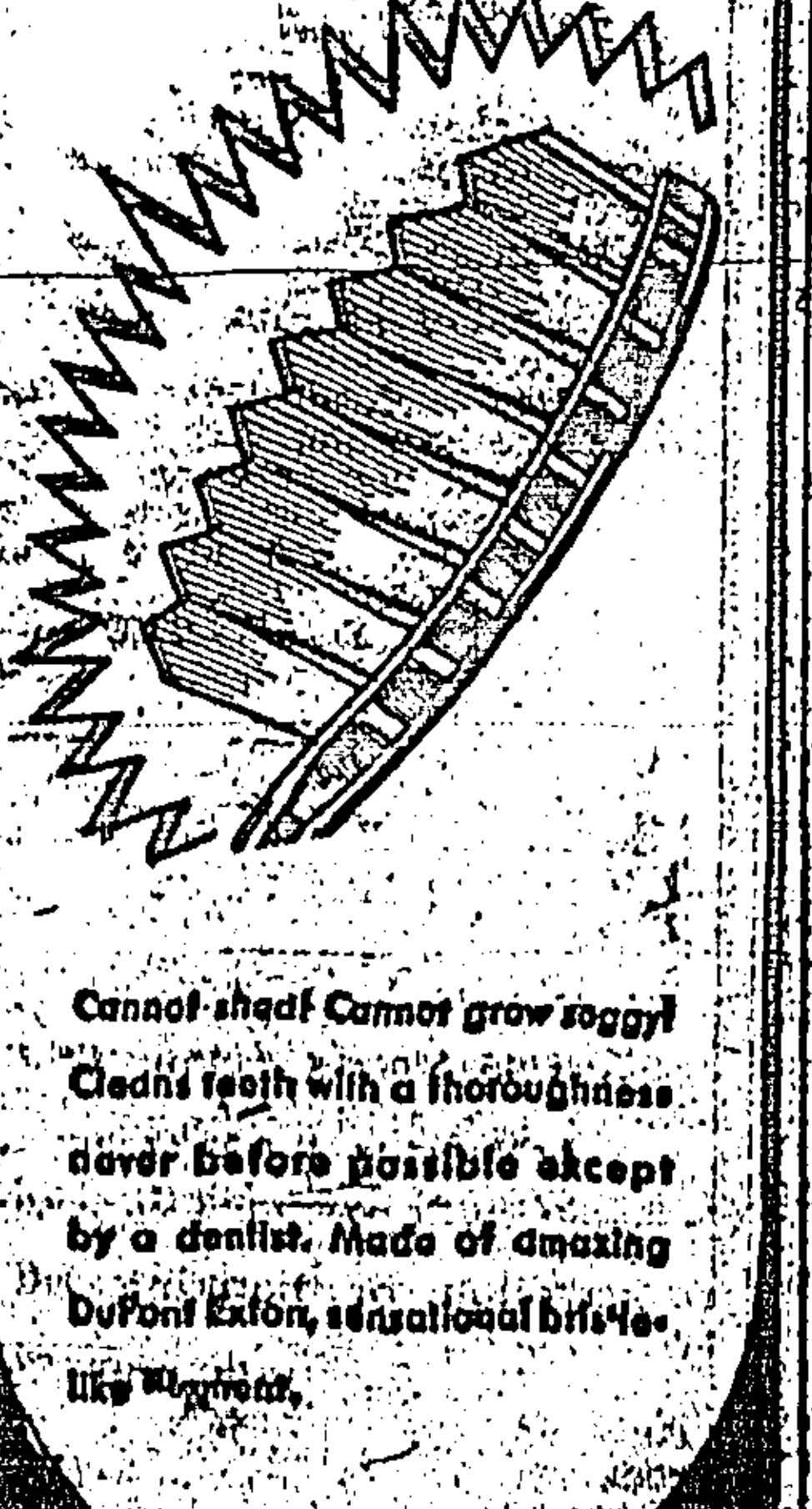
Scores were:—Chinese Y.M.C.A.—Tang Sik-chow 18, Chan Wah-hi 14, Luk Tak-cheung 7, Chan King-yu 6, Lee Fuk-kai 5, Ko Kut-wo 4, So Pak-fai 4, Lo Ho-sun 3 and Fong Yuk-shan 2. Wah Kiu—Lau Bing-chun 40, Lo Kai-ming 14, Tang Fuk-ho 10, Tang Yiu-ming 7, Luk Tui-tah 4, Wong King-wan 2 and Ma King-ih 1.

TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
South China	8	5	0	16
Sing Tao	8	7	1	17
National University	8	7	1	17
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	8	7	1	17
Wah Kiu	8	5	3	16
Black Oak	8	6	4	15
Residents' Union	7	5	4	14
Youths	7	5	4	14
Indian Police	7	2	4	14
Ping Ching	7	2	4	14
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V.R.C.	8	0	8	0

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FILIPINOS PRODUCE FIRST TRIPLE PLAY OF SOFTBALL SEASON

By "Grandstand"

Thrills and excitement galore were provided at K.F.C. last Sunday when Merry Madcaps had their revenge on the Mighty Mindanao by trouncing the sailors 11 to 4, resultant on the superb 5-hit hurling performance of Carl Silva-Netto, backed by the almost flawless fielding display of a determined Madcap nine.

Bob Ogden's Cardinals came through with a fine victory over Wildcats in their return encounter, when they humbled the champions 11 to 9, with a last inning slug-ging rally to overcome a 3-run deficit. In the other ladies' game, Wahooks just managed to nose-out a much-improved Chung Hwa squad by 12 to 11, whilst Marauding Mohawks accounted for Filipinos 10 to 4 in the second men's encounter.

The repeated warnings to catchers, especially those of the fairer sex, to don a mask when working behind the batter, were ignored, but it will be a long time before Wildcat hind-snatcher Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta forgets how much a softball can hurt as she stopped Baidia's foul tip with her nose. Chung Hwa catcher Rosita Nay narrowly escaped a similar fate when Irene Castilho fouled one of hurler Irene Law's pitches in the Wahook-Chung Hwa tilt on the same day.

Brilliant Hurling

BACKED with brilliant fielding, Madcap hurler Carl "Kelly" Silva-Netto had complete control of the apple, walked two and accounted for the only strike-out of the fracas by whiffing "The Tony Mascavage" after the lumbering fifth had fouled a couple of pitches which would have been good for four bases had they not gone wide of the chalk lines by "only that much."

Losing finger Bob Strahl was nicked for 10 solid blows in four semesters before he was yanked from the mound, whilst relief twirler Trimble yielded five safeties for the remainder of the scuffle.

Although the sailors drew first blood when Gronck, Moore, Wilson and Mascavage dented the pay-off station in the first frame, scoring gates were closed to them for the rest of the tussle, Eddie Marques' Madcaps dishing out a new brand of defensive ball playing to blank the Minnies, and then unleashing a 15-hit attack to chalk up a total of 11 markers.

Fielding gems were dished out by Skelly Razack when he hauled down Earl Wilson's stinging liner over third which was labelled base-hit—the blow that tore Skelly's arm off—whilst Baker roamed the pastures like a swooping ball-hawk, pulling down drives that chased him all over the field, but it was flashy short-stop Robbie Rocha who stole the thunder as he scooped up everything that came down the windy alley and snuff runners to first with his lightning pace.

CENTRE-GARDENER WILLIE SPRINKLE EARNED BATTING PLAUDITS WITH HIS PERFECT STICK—PERFORMANCE BY CUFFING FOUR RASPING SINGLES IN AS MANY TIMES TO THE PLATTER, WHILST "BUSTY" HOLLANDS POLED OUT THE ONLY EXTRA-BASE KNOCK OF THE TUSSELE WITH A TWO-BAGGER.

Game Won In 6th

WILDCATS practically had the game in the bag when they trotted out into the field at the beginning of the seventh with a 9-0 lead over Cardinals. Redbird gardener Alice Tsang and slabster Dolly Brown both grounded out to short, Marie Figueredo strode up to the platter and rapped out a single, pluffed the mid-way station, and crossed the pan standing up as Lily Mar heaved wild to first. Kitty Bush was given a life as third-sacker Gloria Mar tumbled an easy roller to put the tying run on base.

Marie Roza, coming into the game in the sixth canto, soaked hurler Thelma Colloco's flatter on the nose for a two-run triple to knot the count, whilst Baidia slashed a daisy cutter to right and rounded all the bases before the pellet could be relayed in.

In Wildcat's half Thelma Colloco grounded out, and Margaret Chung popped out, whilst rookie Patsy Hilbros fanned the breeze for the game to end.

Redbird Dolly Brown fanned six

whilst Thelma Colloco whiffed four, neither hurler passing anybody to first. Ernie Baidia's willow wielding was the best, as she connected for a round-tripper, a double and a single, in her four trips to the plate, whilst Marie Roza hammered out a three-bagger in her only time at bat. Betty Fitzgerald banged out a pair of doubles in three batting chances.

A Close Finish

ALTHOUGH Wahooks outthit Chung Hwa girls by the wide margin of 12 to 8, they only managed to scrape through with an 11 to 12 nose-out. The Green-shirted Owls chalked up two markers in the first frame on three blows whilst the Chung Hwa maids replied with a tally on two miscues. Both sides were blanked in the next canto, but Chung Hwa managed a 4-1 lead after producing a four run spurge in the third.

In the fourth they pilled on another five counters, whilst Wahooks were shut-out in their turn with the bat. Trailing 10-4, Owls unleashed their battering rams and dented the rubber eight times in the next two frames to regain a 12-11 lead. In the last chapter neither side could produce a marker and the game ended that way.

Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle rolled off three blows in four batting chances, including a triple, a double and a single, whilst Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Castro poled out a three-bagger and a double in her three trips to the plate.

"Big Chief Walloo" Terry Noronha fanned seven for the whole game, whilst Chung Hwa finger Irene Law whiffed five.

Mohawks Triple

HIGHLIGHTED by the first triple play of the season, Mohawks downed a weak Filipino squad 10 to 4.

Thomas Tomashevsky and Gas Oliver were dancing on first and second, when Dave Walker popped out an infield fly which veteran Dave Baptista hauled down. Before either Tomashevsky or Oliver could scramble back to their bases, the apple had already been relayed to key-stoner Aronin and first-sacker Bunty Nevys for the side to be retired.

"Smudge" Smith, who started for the Mohawks, was derricked after he had walked seven and struck-out two, whilst relief moundsman "Doc" Molthen whiffed three and passed one for the remainder of the tussle. Losing pitcher Blas fanned none and walked none.

Ernie "Big Boy" Hearther parked the apple into deep right for the only round-tripper of the fracas, and also connected for a single in his four batting chances. Nip Lum lashed the leather for a three-bagger, whilst Erickson, "Pinky" Higgins and Pete Elder banged in a double a-piece.

Athletes To Meet Tonight

First step towards the proposed formation of Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association will be taken this evening when a meeting will be held at European Y.M.C.A. commencing at 8.45 p.m. Officers for the proposed Association will be elected and all clubs, universities, colleges and Service units interested are invited to send representatives.

It is understood that application for affiliation to the English A.A.A. will be made in due course.

An exhibition tennis match between Mickey Rooney and national champion Bobby Riggs and Ted Schroeder and Jack Kramer, national doubles champion, has been arranged for the benefit of the U.S.O.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. OFFICIALS

Civil Service Cricket Club held their annual general meeting yesterday, and the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

President: E. W. Hamilton; Vice-President: H. E. Strange; Cricket Capt: 1st XI J. E. Richardson, 2nd XI F. E. Lawrence; Cricket Vice-Captains: 1st XI R. H. Griffiths, 2nd XI J. McGowan. General Committee: P. D. Crawley (chairman), H. E. Strange (cricket representative), W. J. Skinner (tennis), S. Eccleshall (lawn bowls), C. Strange (billiards), J. R. Carr (greenranger), A. B. Allan (librarian), J. Gellatly (bar convener), W. J. Burling (treasurer), J. A. Bendall (secretary), E. W. Pudney and M. N. Rakusen (auditors), V. A. Garton and M. E. Purvis (extra members of committee).

SPORT UPSET BY POLICE IN SHANGHAI

The recent decision on the part of the police authorities in Shanghai's French Concession, disallowing sporting contests between Chinese and foreigners, which seriously affected football in the Northern port, has now been extended to include tennis.

As a result, the final of the Roper Cup, between China and Japan, and of the Men's Junior Singles between E. Tsai and P. E. Arvig, have been indefinitely postponed.

The revised schedule issued by Shanghai L.T.A., therefore, calls for only the finals of the Men's Singles, in which V. T. Wang meets Kho Sin-oi, and the Ladies' Singles, which is expected to be fought out between Mrs. B. Krevinov and Mrs. C. Tavares, the latter having to meet Miss Bece Lo in the semi-final.

The reaction of the Chinese soccer clubs to the Football Association's announcement that a separate league be held for them if so desired, is eagerly awaited, writes the sports Editor of the "China Press." It will be recalled that at the annual general meeting an extension of the application deadline was passed enabling the Chinese clubs to talk things over, seeing that the police authorities of both the Settlement and Concession had banned the matches between foreign and Chinese teams after last season's regrettable Tung Hwa-Police incident at the Canidrome.

RODERICK RETAINS WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AT THE ALBERT HALL

(By Reuter's Sports Commentator)

A FRACTION OF THE "MANY WHO OWED SO MUCH TO SO FEW" RALLIED SPLENDIDLY LAST NIGHT AT THE ALBERT HALL, SCENE OF MANY MEMORABLE FIGHTS AND OTHER SPECTACULAR OCCASIONS, AND HELPED TO RAISE ABOUT £6,000 AT THE CHARITY BOXING HELD IN AID OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Many high R.A.F. officials were present and applauded the public's response to the appeal from the ring, which realised over £2,000, comprising sums varying from a shilling to £250.

The feature of the programme was Ernie Roderick's successful defence of the welterweight championship against Irish Guardsman Arthur Danahar, who was outpointed over 15 rounds.

After being within two minutes of forfeiting the title because of weight trouble, Roderick so out-boxed and out-generalised Danahar that the result was a foregone conclusion.

On Top Throughout

Roderick held command from the start, and apart from occasional flashes of desperation from Danahar, he remained on top throughout.

DANAHAR SURVIVED ANXIOUS MOMENTS IN THE 13TH ROUND WHEN RODERICK TWICE FLOORED HIM FOR COUNTS OF NINE WITH A TERRIFIC RIGHT TO THE JAW, AND ONLY HIS INDOMITABLE PLUCK KEPT DANAHAR GOING WHEN HE WAS "OUT ON HIS FEET."

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—From a perusal of the report on the semi-finals of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls game played yesterday, my friends and I do not agree with the report of your scribe in that the elder Omar once again carried the young one in their triumph, as is the wont of this particular scribe in his other descriptions of their games. Young Omar lent his weight admirably throughout and, although there is no gainsaying the fact that the elder Omar played as well as was to be expected, "A.M." was worth his weight in gold to his brother. SPECTATOR.

Roderick, who was overweight at weighing-in time, and only just managed the welterweight limit in the stipulated time allowed, now becomes owner of the Lonsdale Belt, which he had previously won twice.

Family "Double"

This completed a great family "double," since his manager and brother-in-law is Neil Tarleton, who already owns the featherweight belt.

Sergt. Freddie Mills put further stakes to his claim to the light-heavyweight championship when he beat Tommy Martin, England's "Brown Bomber," the referee stopping the fight in the 5th round after Martin had taken three long counts.—Reuter.

Cochrane-Willing To Risk Title

A Reuter message from London on September 23 stated that F. Cochrane, recent winner of the world welterweight championship, is reported to be prepared to defend his title against the winner of the fight between Roderick and Danahar.

It must be unique for a world champion to challenge a British champion with his title at stake.

Sports fatalities on the eastern front continue and the German press mentions Herr Tietel, of Frankfurt, seven times International footballer for Germany; Kalle Jaervinen, Olympic Games field events star for Finland, and Kalle Jalkanen, world champion long distance skier in 1938, also for Finland, as among the latest casualties.—Reuter.

Capt. Dewar Durie, who was stationed here with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders some years ago, when he played cricket for Army, is at present in Shanghai and in a recent match for British Consulate, for whom he opened the innings, he made 18 runs and took three wickets against the Cathedral School. The Consulate team won by 71 runs.



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R.A.F. RAID ON GENOA

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D.A.R.P. GIVING EVIDENCE

(Continued from Page 1)

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In addition to the above, witness went on, he had to give consideration to the construction of an A.R.P. Store, A.R.P. School and Headquarters.

Additional Staff

He said: My staff while at the Colonial Secretariat, consisted at the commencement of only myself and a stenographer. After a few months I found it necessary to get a Chinese anti-gas lecturer.

Chairman: Was he paid?—Yes, sir.

How much did he get a month?—About \$400. After instruction I appointed Mr. Chan Tak-kwong to fill the place and as work was on the increase I found it necessary to appoint another Chinese anti-gas instructor.

Was he paid?—Yes, sir.

How much?—I am not sure, but I think \$50 less than what Mr. Chan was getting.

It was \$350 then?—Yes, sir.

Continuing, witness said: Towards the end of 1939 I found the work of organising A.R.P. work beyond a single man and in 1940 Mr. Puckle was appointed and this permitted me to leave a certain amount of detail in his hands and I could concentrate on major problems.

Witness stated that as the construction of the A.R.P. store was of paramount importance, he approached, in March, 1938, the then Director of

BADLY WOUNDED TO BE FREED

A SWISS HOSPITAL TRAIN HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES FOR THE REPATRIATION OF SOME 1,500 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR WHO ARE BEING EXCHANGED FOR A SIMILAR NUMBER OF GERMAN PRISONERS FROM BRITAIN.

The train will take some 300 wounded British prisoners across France to a French Channel port where they will be exchanged for an equal number of German prisoners who will arrive there by hospital ship from Britain.

The exchange is expected to begin early next month.—Reuter.

Official Statement

The release of severely wounded British prisoners of war in Germany, and 500 chaplains and medical services personnel, will probably be repatriated next month.

This was announced by Mr. Duncan Sandys, Financial Secretary to the War Office in a broadcast last night.

The repatriation will be carried out in two British hospital ships and the British prisoners will be exchanged for German prisoners who will embark at a South Coast port and be landed at a port in Northern France.—Reuter.

STUDY IN INDIA

Professor R. Coupland, Faculty Fellow of Nuffield College, which was established at Oxford shortly before the war for research into practical political and economic problems, has undertaken for the College a study of the development of self-governing institutions in India.—Reuter.

Public Works.

Chairman: Who was this?—Mr. Tickle, sir.

Outside Architect

Witness continued that this official told him that no officer could be spared from P.W.D. for that work and witness later applied to the Financial Secretary for, and was granted, permission to call in an outside architect, witness adding that when he informed the D.P.W. of this, the latter verbally suggested Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

Witness, in continuation, said it should be noted that it was not till March, 1939, that Mr. Hobbs was detailed to act as his technical adviser and that up to that time he had been carrying on without one. Even then, Mr. Hobbs worked in his own office at P.W.D., and it was not till September that he (Mr. Hobbs) began to work in an office adjoining his own next to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Witness then went on to tell of a conference at which it was decided that payment for A.R.P. work would be made out of P.W.D. funds and not A.R.P. funds, and this conference resulted in a confidential schedule for A.R.P. work for 1939-40 to be debited to P.W.D., and that the only responsibility left with him was to apply for funds for equipment and stores.

No Further Dealings

He concluded: In June, 1940, I minuted the Hon. Colonial Secretary that I had no objection to the transfer back of Mr. Hobbs to the P.W.D. staff. This was agreed by the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, and on June 18, I minuted the P.W.D. Since July 1, 1940, I had no further dealings with construction work.

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Hour And Half Over City

STIRLINGS AND WELLINGTONS WERE IN THE FORCE WHICH ATTACKED OBJECTIVES IN ITALY FROM THE BRITISH ISLES ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

One Wellington pilot, who made a carefully-planned low level attack on a large factory at Genoa, said that going out they flew through moonlight, but near the Alps it became cloudy.

They skirted a terrific electrical storm over Mont Blanc, and they could see the zigzag flashes of lightning over the famous peak. When they reached Genoa, they stayed there for an hour and a half, flying round, at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

The bombers above them kept dropping flares around them, lighting up their plane. There was, in addition, a good deal of heavy flak and a fair amount of light anti-aircraft fire.

There were two layers of cloud over Genoa and a high bank of cloud over the moon, but we picked up a good 'pinpoint' for our first run up.

Scotch Caution

"The cautious Scotch bomber dropped a few incendiaries which dropped right on the factory and soon the whole of one end of the enormous building was ablaze.

"On the next time round, high explosive as well as incendiary bombs were dropped."

They went round a third time and saw the fires still going strong. They then dropped a stick of bombs along the docks.

The factory fires were still burning when they left.

A bomber from New Zealand and Czech squadrons took part in the bombing of Italy.

Official Communiqué

"Objectives at Genoa, Turin and elsewhere were

attacked by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Sunday night.

"At Genoa, industrial areas were bombed and large fires were started in the docks," says an Air Ministry communiqué issued in London yesterday.

"Other forces attacked targets in western Germany, including Frankfurt. Five aircraft of the Bomber Command are 'missing' the communiqué states.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked an oil depot and refineries at St. Nazaire, says the communiqué, adding 'two aircraft of the Coastal Command are missing'—Reuter.

"Masonry Airborne"

A New Zealand Squadron Leader described how he flew "just about 400 feet above the summit of Mont Blanc."

"There was plenty of light at Genoa," he said. "Flares were dropping all over the place. Coming back it was pitch dark all the way. We could just make out the peaks of the Alps but after that we didn't see a thing until we came out of the cloud over the aerodrome."

There were many Hampdens in the attack on Germany, where Frankfurt was one of the chief objectives. One Hampden pilot, seeing more than mere flying fragments of a building in Frankfurt, reported impressively "masonry airborne from one burst."—British Wireless.

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D. A. R. P. GIVING EVIDENCE Commission Of Inquiry Session Name Of Miss Mimi Lau Crops Up: Bank Account

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH HE ARRANGED FOR THE OPENING OF A BANKING ACCOUNT BY MISS MIMI LAU AT THE MERCANTILE BANK WERE PUT TO WING-COMMANDER A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS, DIRECTOR OF A.R.P., WHO GAVE EVIDENCE AT THE RESUMED SITTING OF THE A.R.P. INQUIRY COMMISSION THIS MORNING.

During the examination, Mr. Justice Cressall suggested that the Kowloon tunnels would produce another Chungking tragedy if a bomb dropped near them. The D.A.R.P. said he would not go as far as that. He put the period of safety from a ventilation viewpoint at the present time at about three hours.

The Commission, comprising Mr. Justice P. E. F. Cressall (chairman), Mr. S. Hampden Ross and Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, resumed its sitting after an adjournment since Friday, and the only witness to testify this morning was Wing-Comdr. Steele-Perkins.

The Court was crowded before the sitting commenced, the spectators consisting largely of women, European and Chinese.

Mr. G. G. N. Tinson represented Wing-Comdr. Steele-Perkins. Chairman: What is your full name?—Alfred Horace Steele-Perkins.

I have a short report here which you submitted, through your solicitor, to the Commission. Will you refer to that statement and give us a short history of the start of the A.R.P. Department since your arrival here?

Witness: I was appointed by the Colonial Office as Air Raids Precautions Officer on January 21, 1938 and arrived here on March 16. I was concerned with the preparation of a local A.R.P. scheme and the enrolment of volunteers to implement such a scheme.

Personal Contact

Witness then said that to begin with, the number of such volunteers was very small, but later on, through propaganda work, an improvement was noted. Continuing, he said:—

It soon became obvious to me that the only way I could get the sympathy of the Chinese was to know them personally. I have made many hundreds of Chinese friends and have not failed either to attend their parties or to ask them to attend any parties which I have given. I soon found that this personal contact was having the desired effect and I was able to report that I thought I had the whole-hearted support of a tremendous number of Chinese who were willing to assist in A.R.P.

I have made, through this means, most valuable contacts, all of which have contributed to the success which I claim.

A.R.P. has made in the Colony. One of my first actions was to take the English and Chinese press into my confidence and to arrange broadcast talks on A.R.P. In addition A.R.P. exhibitions were staged.

Later I found it was necessary to enlist the sympathy of the Chinese womenfolk and in this connection my wife took a very active part and endeavoured to teach them how to look after their homes and children should air raids be experienced here, and in order to do this she formed the Women's A.R.P. Union and Mrs. Chan.

Mrs. Violet Chan

Chairman: One minute, which Mrs. Chan is this Mrs. Violet Chan?—Yes sir, Mrs. Violet Chan.

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SERBIANS SEIZE HOSTAGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Istanbul correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" in London states that Ivan Lebedev, former Counsellor to the Soviet Legation in Belgrade, is leading Serbian guerrillas.

They recently captured 65 German troops near Sabac.

According to the correspondent, Lebedev has notified that the Nazi soldiers are held as hostages in the mountains and will be executed in reprisal for any Nazi execution of Serbs.—International News Service.

WAR GAMES OVER

American war manoeuvres in Louisiana, in which half a million troops took part, have ended with the Blue Army about to capture Shreveport with tanks.

The manoeuvres were the greatest ever, and Lieutenant General Leslie J. McNair, the director of operations, declares that the troops showed outstanding stamina.

"The soldier of 1941," he said, "will give a better account of himself than the soldier of any other period in our history." He specially praised the mobile anti-tank defence.—International News Service.

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HITLER FEARS PEACE MOVE IN ITALY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The "Daily Express" reports that Hitler has ordered Mussolini to declare martial law throughout Italy because he fears the Italians may demand a separate peace. It is believed that Hitler is demanding the right to send more Gestapo agents and troops to control Italy.—International News Service.

IF U.S. GETS INTO THE WAR

IT IS NOT "UP TO US WHETHER WE GET INTO WAR—IT IS UP TO THE OTHER FELLOW," COLONEL FRANK KNOX, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, YESTERDAY, AFTER ARRIVING BY SEA FROM BERMUDA WHERE HE INSPECTED THE NEW UNITED STATES NAVY BASE.

If Americans do not "realise the necessity" of maintaining dominant sea power, he said, "We

CHINESE CHANGSHA JIBE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chinese authorities in Changsha waited in vain all day yesterday for the arrival of the party of foreign correspondents who were supposed, by Domei, to be landing in a Japanese army plane on an inspection tour, said the Chinese military spokesman in Chungking last night.

The Changsha authorities, he said, would be only too pleased to meet the correspondents and show them the city and its environs, supposed to have been captured by the Japanese.

It is categorically stated that the Japanese claim to have been anywhere near Chuchow is more ridiculous than the claim to the capture of Changsha.

A Central News report from Changsha states that General Kitano, commander of the Japanese Fourth Division, was killed in action in the outer defences of Changsha on Sunday.

General Toyoshima, commanding the Third Division, was killed on Saturday.—International News Service.

are more dumb than I think we are.—Reuter.



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Hundredth Day Of Soviet War: Battle Of Attrition

German War Machine Brought To Standstill

(By "Annalist")

TO-DAY IS THE HUNDREDTH DAY OF THE WAR ON THE EASTERN FRONT. THE RUSSIANS STATE THAT FIERCE FIGHTING IS PROCEEDING ALL ALONG THE FRONT.

The Germans make claim to success north-east of Dniepro Petrovsk, but except for the fact that Italian troops are alleged to have shared in the victory, it does not seem to have been a big battle.

It is becoming more and more evident that the operations are developing into a war of attrition.

Both sides register local successes, but it would seem that any decisive result before the winter puts the brake, if not complete stoppage, upon all military activities is most unlikely.

That the Germans are feeling this sense of frustration is obvious from the news from occupied countries where repression and persecution are the order of the day.

The trouble does not proceed so much from increased hostility of the inhabitants as from the growing weakness of the German authorities to deal with them.

The drainage of men is beginning to tell, and to compensate for their few numbers, the Germans are introducing new and bestial methods of terrorism in the hope of cowering the people.

Sowing The Seed

They will find that this does not pay psychologically because it is not by the shooting of hostages that the culprits of acts of sabotage are punished. It means sowing the seed of hatred which will yield a crop of vengeance later on.

For every person shot hundreds are antagonised or driven to desperation and the Gestapo will find a growing opposition which will call for increased severity and greater forces of police.

Lowering Morale

The terroristic methods in France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Norway and above all,

Poland, are therefore an index of the lowering morale of the Germans and an indication of the spirit of defeatism.

As in war, the question of morale, resistance and spirit of sacrifice will be the determining issues in this revealing exhibition of German tendencies, and is most encouraging although the lot of those exposed to their vengeful spite is greatly to be deplored.

THERE IS NO DEFINITE NEWS OF THE FIGHTING IN THE CRIMEA, EXCEPT REPORTS THAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN VERY ACTIVE STRAFING RAILWAY AND ROUTE COMMUNICATIONS IN THE PENINSULA. THEIR ATTEMPTS TO ADVANCE HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS.

Midnight Communique

Following is the text of the Soviet midnight communique issued by the Soviet Information Bureau:

"During Monday our troops stubbornly fought the enemy along the entire front. According to precise data now available, on Friday 113 German aircraft were destroyed and not 98.

"On Saturday 150 German aircraft were destroyed, 37 in air combats and 113 on aerodromes. We lost 28 planes.

"According to precise data now received, one cruiser and two destroyers were sunk by the joint action of Coastal Batteries and ships of the Baltic Fleet and not one cruiser and one destroyer as previously reported."—Reuter.

TUKA ATTEMPT DENIED

A denial that an attempt has been made on the life of Dr. Tuka, who is the Slovak puppet premier, has been given over the Berlin Radio on authority of "a despatch from Bratislava."—Reuter.

MODIFICATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT SOUGHT

MR. CORDELL HULL, replying to a question yesterday, whether the Administration proposed to seek outright repeal of the Neutrality Act or merely elimination of certain features, referred to the statement he made last week that the moment was ripe for lifting the restrictions imposed by the Act.

He added that he tried to indicate then that he favoured modification but it was something which must be discussed in conference with Congressmen.

Asked whether he saw any significance in the recent increase in rebellious activities in occupied territories, Mr. Hull said that reliable reports indicated that sufficient people in those territories were being starved, shot and imprisoned without cause to make him hesitate to risk adding to the number by any statement he might make.

Mr. Hull told the Press Conference that the suggestion that the entire United States munitions output for three months should be diverted to Britain and Russia has not been brought to his attention.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of the House Military Committee may have stated that he believed this should be done, but he added that he had no official information that such diversion was being considered.—Reuter.

TOBRUK SORTIE

AT TOBRUK DURING THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY/SUNDAY, BRITISH PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN SECTOR PENETRATED WIRE DEFENCES, ATTACKING A STRONG OUTPOST AND INFLECTING A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES ON THE ENEMY. SAYS AN OFFICIAL WAR COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY FROM MIDDLE-EAST HEAD-QUARTERS.

The communique states: "In the same sector, artillery fire on Sunday engaged and dispersed enemy working parties. In the frontier area also our fighting patrols continued to harass the enemy."—Reuter.

YEAR'S OUTPUT OF TANKS IN THREE MONTHS

More tanks were made during the months of July, August and September in British factories than during the whole of last year, stated the Ministry of Supply in London yesterday.—Reuter.

Behind German Lines

More than 70 German officers and men have been killed, and much Nazi war material has either been destroyed or captured by guerillas operating behind the German lines on the Russian front, according to a supplement to the Soviet communique issued last night.

In one action 20 lorries loaded with war materials, ten tank-lorries and two mobile repair shops were destroyed while more than 200 cases of tinned food, medical supplies, winter clothing and stores, including boots destined for German soldiers, were seized, the communique says.

In another sector the guerillas destroyed 60 white Finnish soldiers, captured their weapons and equipment, while the Russian air force has destroyed 40 automobiles, five armoured cars, three artillery batteries, 30 tanks and one German company of infantry on the north-western sector of the front.—Reuter.

FINNS LIKELY TO SUCCUMB TO NAZI PRESSURE

(Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

GERMAN MILITARY and economic pressure on the Finnish Government has become so intense that it appears likely that the Finns will reject the British warning against continuing the Russian war.

It is known there are large numbers of Finns earnestly longing for peace but according to reports reaching London, the Nazis in Helsinki are using every form of pressure to compel the Finns to continue the fight.

The Finnish situation is, indeed, a difficult one. Not only are German troops upon Finnish soil but Germany, unlike Britain, is in a position to exert severe economic pressure on that country, for Germany has always been an important customer for Finnish goods. To encourage Finnish collaboration, the Germans continue daily to paint to the Finns a totally exaggerated picture of Nazi successes against Russia, coupled with claims which they have regularly failed to make good, such as their declaration last Thursday that they would be in Leningrad within two days.

Territorial Offers

Simultaneously, the Germans promised the collaborators territorial gains for Finland if Germany wins against Russia.

Any decision of the Finnish Government to succumb to German threats and blandishments will inevitably have a disastrous effect on Finland's position, already battered by two wars. Not only will she lose the chance of gaining peace now, but she will be throwing away the inestimable

political and economic advantages of improved relations with Britain and America as well as the opportunity of having her independent place at the Conference Table when peace is achieved.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI ARRESTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") THE JAPANESE AUTHORITIES ARE CLOSELY QUESTIONING TWO CHINESE, CHOW AND LO LOONG-CHAO, WHO WERE ARRESTED ON SATURDAY NIGHT BY THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND HANDED OVER TO THE JAPANESE.

The men are alleged to be connected with Chungking terrorist activities in Shanghai.

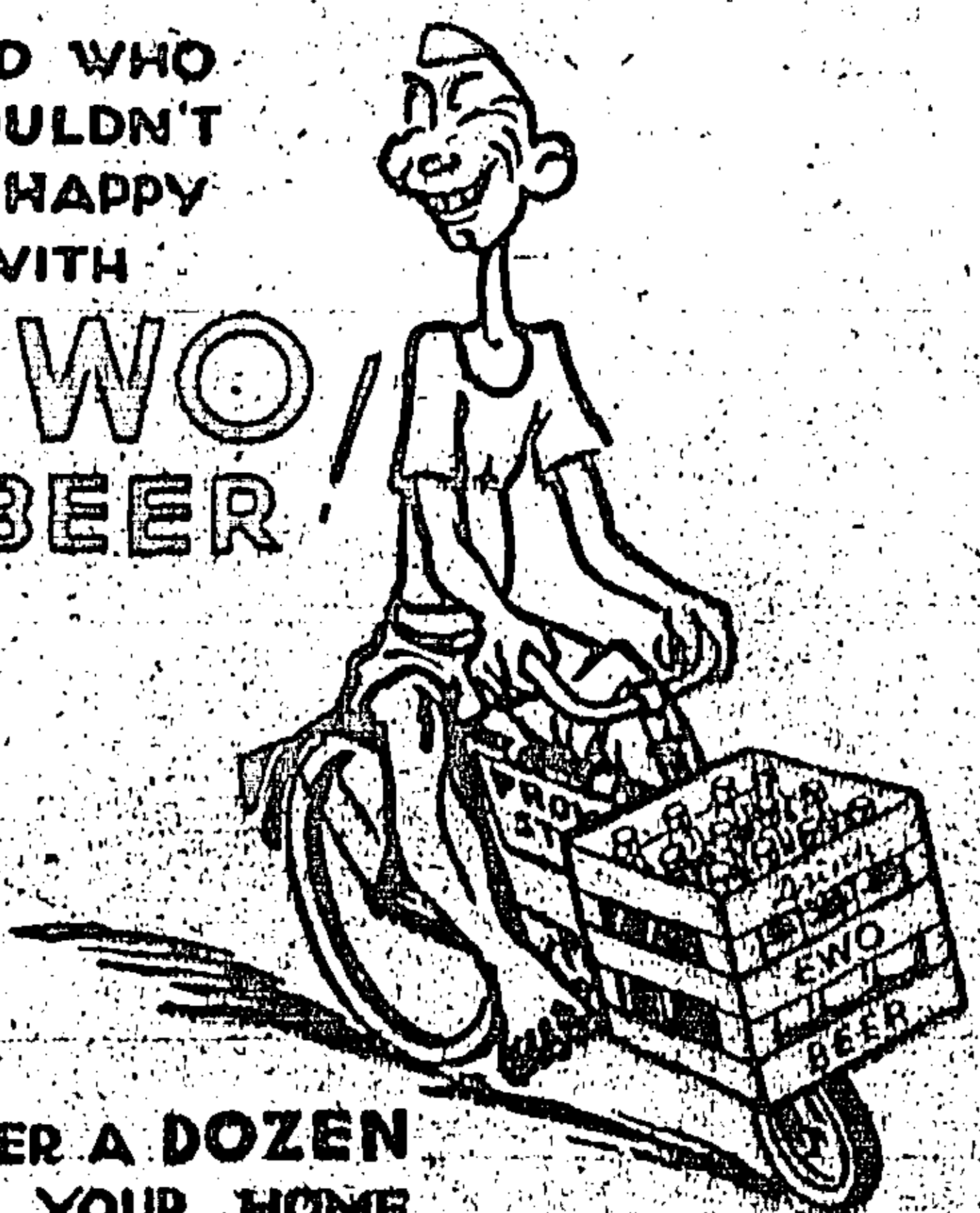
Meanwhile, Chung, Za-koh, editor of the American-owned "Chinese-American Daily News" is still in Japanese hands undergoing grilling on charges of inspiring terrorism.—International News Service.

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CRITICAL CONFERENCE OPENS

Moscow Talks On Soviet Needs

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(Reuter's Special Correspondent in Russia)

MOSCOW THIS MORNING LOOKED RATHER LIKE DREARY LONDON ON A NOVEMBER DAY BUT A GAY FIRE BLAZED AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY AND LORD BEAVERBROOK ABOUT TO LEAVE FOR THE OPENING OF THE SUPPLY CONFERENCE SEEMED IN HIS USUAL HIGH SPIRITS.

There was an enormous amount of coming and going and conferring at the Embassy and the impression given of the importance attached to the conference on which successful war progress largely depends.

ARMING OF MERCHANT SHIPS

President Roosevelt is expected to return to Washington from Hyde Park to-day to confer with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, regarding the best method of making a move towards the arming of merchant ships which is now forbidden by the Neutrality Act.

Congress leaders will discuss the question to-morrow.

There has been no definite indication how far the Administration is likely to go at present in easing the Neutrality Act though there have been hints that modification might be attained more easily than complete repeal.

This might be the determining factor in fixing the course the Administration will ultimately follow.

The Act not only forbids the arming of merchant ships but bans such vessels from entering combat zones.—Reuter.

Bagdad Conference

IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN BAGDAD YESTERDAY THAT GENERAL WAVELE, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN INDIA, AND GENERAL AUCHINCLOSS, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HAVE ATTENDED AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE IN BAGDAD.

The meeting took place last Friday and Saturday in order to work out full details of cooperation between India and the Middle East regarding the anti-Axis front now established from Syria through Iraq and Iran to the left flank of the Russian armies.—Reuter.

TEHERAN EXCHANGE

The sterling exchange rate was altered by decree yesterday in Teheran by 174 to 140 rials to the pound. The dollar rate was reduced from 45 to 35 rials.—Reuter.

Already last night the heads of the delegations, with the British and American Ambassadors had, in the presence of Mr. Molotov and Mr. Litvinov—the latter acting as interpreter—conferred for three and a quarter hours with M. Stalin.

The scope of the conference cannot yet be discussed and probably the exact results will not be disclosed at any time—the Germans being only too anxious to know the details.

Direct Help

NATURALLY, HOWEVER, THE CONFERENCE IS DEALING WITH THE POSSIBLE DIRECT MILITARY HELP, AS ALREADY VISIBLE FROM THE PARTICIPATION ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, SHORT-TERM SUPPLIES AND THE ALL-IMPORTANT AND NOT EASY QUESTION OF TRANSPORT AND ROUTES FOR SUCH SUPPLIES.

Russian Morale

The satisfactory outcome of the conference is a factor of absolutely primary importance for Russian morale.

The British tank week has created a good impression in Moscow but as M. Lozovsky pointed out in a message to the Press, what is wanted is not one week but many weeks.

Typical of the Russian standpoint also is M. Lozovsky's phrase about the whole brunt of the German machine falling on to Russia.

Soviet papers also have been emphasising the United States as "the richest power in the world."

Down-To-Business

The Three-Power conference for war supply opened in Moscow yesterday, according to the Columbia Broadcasting system commentator, speaking from Moscow. Mr. Molotov presided at the conference. Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman, who had earlier seen Mr. Stalin, getting down to business immediately.—Reuter.

Six Committees

A committee headed in Moscow after yesterday's supply conference meeting states: "The formal opening of the Three-Power Conference took place this morning under the Presidency of Mr. Molotov, Foreign Commissar. In the opening address, Mr. Molotov paid high tribute to Lord Beaverbrook and Mr. Averell Harriman, leaders of the British and American Delegations."

The Conference appointed six committees—army, navy, air, transport, raw materials, and medical supplies. The Committees started work immediately and will report on Friday on Russia's needs.—Reuter.



SOLDIERS ASSIST ON THE FARM—Soldiers, during their spare time are helping farmers in Britain. Two Tommies are here seen haymaking.

MODIFICATION OF NEUTRALITY ACT FAVOURED

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, told a Press conference in Washington yesterday that he favoured modification rather than repeal of the Neutrality Act.—Reuter.

RHODESIAN MUNITIONS OUTPUT

Production of munitions in the Rhodesian copperbelt is progressing rapidly and the first consignment accepted by Southern Rhodesia War Supplies Committee was described as of 100% quality.

It is hoped that more mines will soon make other small parts thus using the Coligny's machinery and skilled labour to the best advantage in the war effort.

An appeal for munition workers was very satisfactory, women recruits turning out component parts with a high degree of efficiency. The output of copper in August was the highest for a considerable time.—Reuter.

DUFF-COOPER OFF TO INDIA

Mr. Duff-Cooper is flying to India for a brief discussion with the Viceroy. He will then proceed to Burma, return to Singapore, and go later to Australia.—Reuter.

THAILAND UNSHAKEN IN FAR EAST WAR OF NERVES

THAILAND WILL EMERGE unscathed from the Far Eastern war of nerves, according to M. Sivaram, editor of the "Bangkok Chronicle," now in India.

A policy of strict neutrality is followed by the Thai Government in its friendly relations with the great Powers of the world and the preparedness of the defence forces of the country to resist any probable aggression constitutes the basis of this optimism, he added.

Referring to Anglo-Thai relations, he stated that they were most cordial, adding: "Adversity often serves to test friendship."

Thailand values the friendship of Britain and will never pursue a policy jeopardising relations with Britain or the United States.

He pointed out that the recent Hull-Eden Statement regarding Anglo-American policy in the Far East, was event of any further Japanese

move in south-eastern Asia was favourably received in Bangkok and he added that it was the unambiguous declaration of Anglo-American policy in the Far East that had resulted in the present lull.

Thailand, he emphasised, was just pro-Thai and the friend of all. But any foreign attempt to turn her into the Rumania or the Bulgaria of the Far East, was doomed to failure.—Reuter.

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ITALY BEGINNING TO FEEL THE PINCH

GROWING CONCERN at Italy's food and financial stringency is reflected in Italian newspaper editorials which are quoted in messages from Milan.

In an editorial on the food situation, the Turin paper "Stampa" invites the authorities to be more active in putting on fresh "turns of the screw."

NAZI OIL DEPOT WRECKED

The R.A.F. attack on St. Nazaire on Sunday night is more fully described by the Air Ministry News Service.

Flying through intense flak and batteries of powerful searchlights on both banks of the River Loire, it is stated, Blenheim and Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command bombed and set on fire an important oil depot and the refineries at St. Nazaire.

Leading the way in, the Beauforts located the target and started a blaze with sticks of high explosive and incendiary bombs dropped from low level.

"As the bombs fell among the tanks," said the pilot of one Beaufort, "our aircraft rocked with the force of the explosion. Then flames shot up and the fire spread and when we were miles on our way home we could see the tanks blazing."

Another Beaufort was intercepted by a Nazi night fighter but a few rounds by the Beaufort's rear gunner caused it to break away.

Following the Beauforts, the Blenheims bombed from a higher altitude.

Approaching the French coast, one aircraft saw the refinery 50 miles away burning fiercely.

"We crossed the target" said a pilot, "and saw the oil tanks clearly outlined amid the blaze below us. A wide area was on fire and even at our height the air reeked of burning and what seemed to be chemical fumes."

Another pilot described the fire, which he could see 45 miles away, as a blood-red blaze.—British Wireless.

INDIAN CAVALRY RELIEVED

The 18th Regiment of Indian Cavalry has just been quietly relieved at Tobruk after sharing the honour and burden of its defence for five months.

On their arrival at a rest camp in Egypt, they were visited by the commander-in-chief, General Auchinleck, who told them, in an address, how the world had watched with admiration the unflinching defence of Tobruk which, when held by the Italians, had fallen to the Imperial Forces after only a few days.

The 18th Cavalry was part of that famous Motor Brigade which held out against combined Italian and German forces at Mechill in Cyrenaica long enough to toll the enemy attempt to intercept the British and Australian forces withdrawing from Benghazi.—Reuter.

The paper says the great danger is that perpetual price changes now create an atmosphere of inflation and feeling of uncertainty which will seriously harm the defence of the lira and public saving.

Writing in the paper "Regime Fascista," Farinacci, former secretary-general of the Fascist Party, denounces the "large number of people in Italy who are hoping to save money to plunge into speculations."

"We have observed the mad race in order to buy immovable property, jewels and industrial shares from which has resulted serious disturbances in the market and rise in prices to the sky."

Price Race

"Ordinary plots of land have increased in price by sixty thousand lire per hecta, meanwhile the value of houses have increased fourfold within the period of a few months."

"Gold is selling at 120 lire per gramme, diamonds at 5,000 lire per grain."

Farinacci adds that an end must be put to this price race if Fascism does not want to reduce the poorer classes to famine.

The financial editor of the paper "Sera," discussing the recent developments in the Milan Stock Exchange, says that uncertainty dominates exchange and the public.

Market Nervous

"I observed recently a series of completely irregular meetings with numerous incomprehensible and unforeseen changes in market tendencies. A draconian measure must be taken in order to limit the rise in prices."

"The authorities must intervene in the present abnormal situation. The nervousness in the Milan Stock Exchange, resulting from the war situation, is related to the present psychological conditions."—Reuter.

LORRY CONVOY SURPRISED

It was learned in London yesterday that R.A.F. fighters attacked a convoy of lorries near Dieppe with cannon and machine-guns. Five lorries were set on fire.—Reuter.

BOUND BY NAZIS TO RETICENCE

Sir Lancelot Oliphant and party, who have undertaken to preserve absolute reticence, are going to England at a very early date.

There are the first batch of people to be exchanged for Germans delivered by the Spanish authorities to the Portuguese Government at the frontier.

All have been detained in Germany for more than a year.

Besides Sir Oliphant, they are Mr. Peter Scarlett, Secretary of the Embassy at Brussels, Mr. Mackenzie, Commercial Attaché at Brussels, Mr. Edmonds, Consul in Bergen, his wife and two children, and nurse Miss Athis, Mr. Whadrop, Vice-Consul at Bergen, Mr. Tollemache and Mr. Baker, both Vice-Consuls, and Mr. Bennett, Consular servant.—Reuter.

PRESIDENT INEUNU'S BIRTHDAY

King George VI has sent a telegram of congratulations and good wishes to President Ineunu of Turkey, on his birthday, stated the Turkish Radio last night. President Ineunu has thanked the King for this thought.—Reuter.

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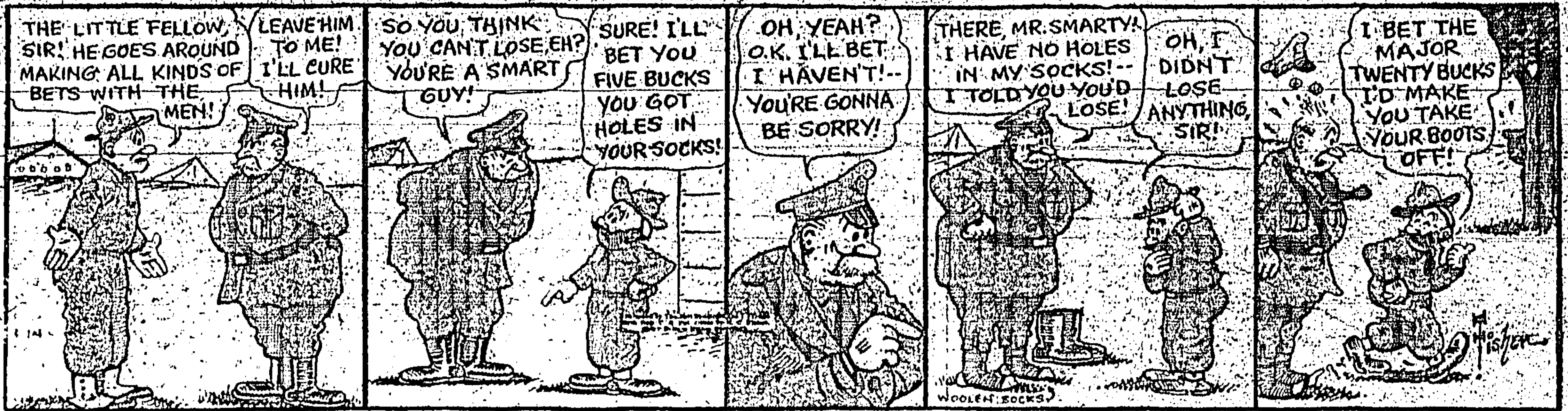
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MR. BOWDEN'S APPOINTMENT IN SINGAPORE

IN A STATEMENT in Singapore yesterday, Mr. V. G. Bowden, former Australian Trade Commissioner in China, now the representative of the Australian Government in Malaya, declared: "Singapore, as the focal point of the British and Allied defence systems in the Western Pacific, has become of the greatest importance to Australia."

"Politically, it has become the great clearing house for intelligence and the centre of contacts which are of vital interest to Australia."

"My function as diplomatic representative will be to provide my Government with the closest contacts as possible and to keep them supplied with information regarding all developments of interest to them in this area."

"My natural regrets at leaving behind so many associations which I formed in China are tempered by the feeling that in Singapore I will be almost at the gateway of Free China and thus better able to watch that country's development as a resurgent nation."—Reuter.

MISSION DAMAGE IN SHIUKWAN RAID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Scores of Japanese planes raided Shiukwan all day Sunday, and subjected the busiest part of the town to very heavy bombing.

The American Bible School and the Berlin Missionary Society Orphanage were both very badly damaged. — International News Service.

SCIENCE AND THE FUTURE

At the conclusion of the London Conference of international scientists under the auspices of the British Association, press comments on its significance point out that not only is it evidence that free scientific discussion is still possible between men of many nations on vital human problems but also it has revealed beyond shadow of doubt the close relationship between science and everyday life.

A scientist working for the love of truth in monastic seclusion is a traditional picture which must be modified to the needs of humanity.

At the same time, the ordinary man must look upon the scientist as a friend and guide and not as an aloof worker on abstract problems in incomprehensible terms. "The Times" says: "Science to fulfil its human mission, will have to concern itself in the future as much with the consumer as with the producer. This implies, to some extent, a reversal of past attitudes."

But the whole conception of the needs and wants of the consumer as the starting point of a programme of reconstruction, owes as much to those who in recent years have worked out, especially in the field of Nutrition, standards recognised as the necessary minimum for human well-being and shown how far the existing standards, even in advanced countries, fall below them.

Recognition of such standards was rightly described by Mr. Herbert Morrison as a "new social and political factor of the first importance."

It has aroused the social consciences of all classes and has established a principle accepted by all parties as an obligation overriding selfish or sectional interest. "The Times" adds the warning that science can be made to serve evil ends as well as good and that the ultimate test of its value lies in the moral quality of the human purpose directing it. — British Wireless.

SWEDISH PROTEST

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German troops travelling through Sweden on leave from service in Norway have been accused by the Swedish Government of violating the stipulations of the grant of passage by distributing anti-Russian propaganda among members of the public watching the troops pass through various stations. — International News Service.

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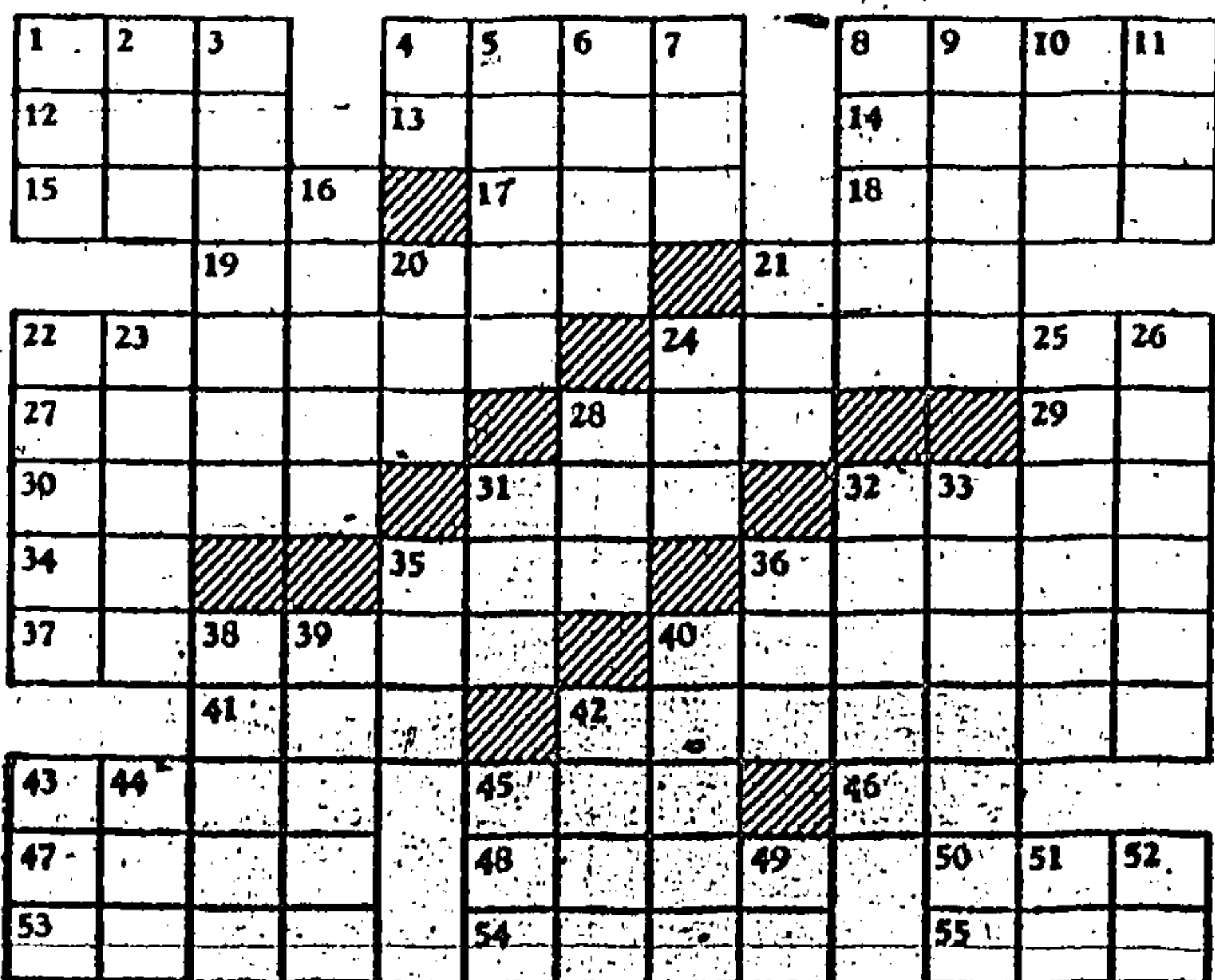
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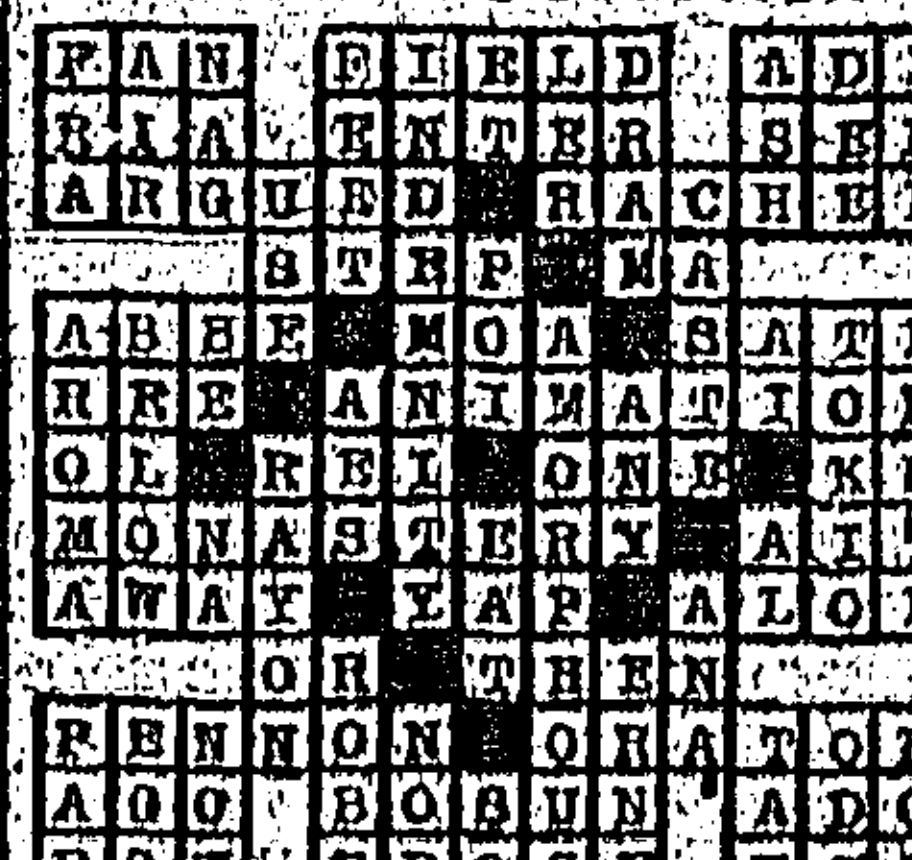
- 1 Music: high
- 4 Exclamation to attract attention
- 6 Hindu prince
- 12 Biblical name
- 13 Tree-snake
- 14 Eire
- 15 Stern
- 17 Free
- 18 Most worthwhile
- 19 To entrap
- 21 Numeral
- 22 To urge
- 24 White wine
- 27 Islands in the Mediterranean
- 28 Seized with the teeth
- 29 By
- 30 The birds
- 31 Assistance
- 32 To give forth
- 34 Earth goddess
- 36 Strango
- 36 Eaglestone
- 40 Bears
- 41 Literary scraps
- 42 To accord
- 43 South American country

VERTICAL

- 1 Conjunction
- 2 Constellation
- 3 Circular object
- 4 Mulberry
- 5 Equino
- 6 Great Lake
- 7 Insane
- 8 To be in subordinate
- 9 Place of combat
- 10 City in Yugoslavia
- 11 Insect

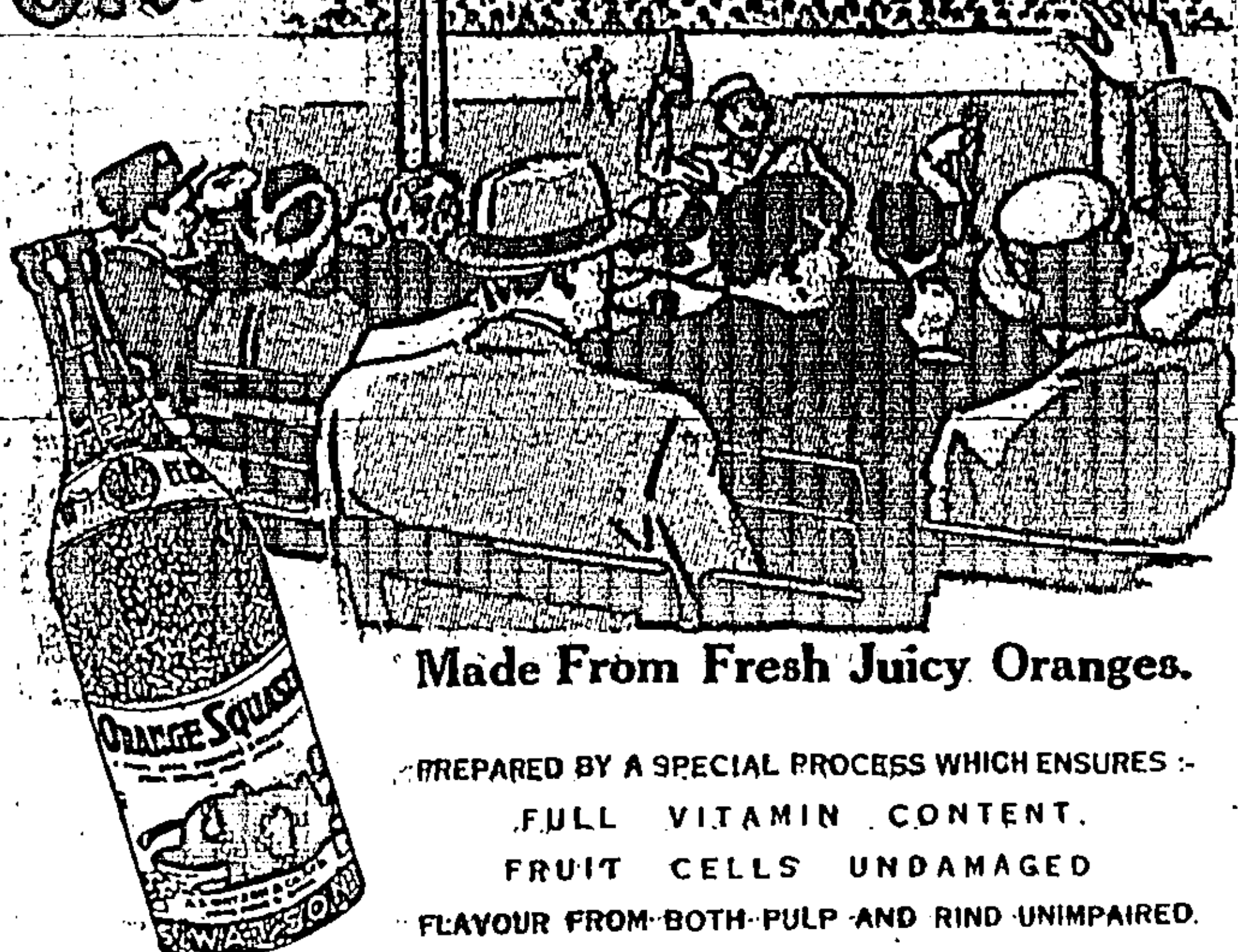
- 45 Entirely
- 46 Teutonic deity
- 47 Sandarac tree
- 48 Residue of coal
- 50 Tip
- 53 Secure
- 54 Dutch cheese
- 55 Timber tree

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- 16 Defeats thoroughly
- 20 Peruvian tuber
- 21 To make lace
- 22 Insect in adult stage
- 23 Hubs of wheels
- 24 Among
- 25 Covering for the ankle
- 26 To authenticate officially
- 28 Offer
- 31 To append
- 32 Halting place for troops
- 33 Domestic fowl
- 35 South American language
- 36 Shade tree
- 38 Hindu territorial division
- 39 To come into operation
- 40 Lively dance
- 42 Lump of earth
- 43 Dance step
- 44 Period of time
- 45 High card
- 46 Printer's measure
- 51 Pronoun
- 52 What's was that?

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GIVING

EVIDENCE

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sideration to the construction of an A.R.P. Store, A.R.P. School and Headquarters.

Additional Staff

He said: My staff while at the Colonial Secretariat, consisted at the commencement of only myself and a stenographer. After a few months I found it necessary to get a Chinese anti-gas lecturer.

Chairman: Was he paid?—Yes, sir.

How much did he get a month?—About \$400. After instruction I appointed Mr. Chan Tak-kwong to fill the place and as work was on the increase I found it necessary to appoint another Chinese anti-gas instructor.

Was he paid?—Yes, sir.

How much?—I am not sure, but I think \$50 less than what Mr. Chan was getting.

It was \$350 then?—Yes, sir.

Continuing, witness said: Towards the end of 1939 I found the work of organising A.R.P. work beyond a single man and in 1940 Mr. Puckle was appointed and this permitted me to leave a certain amount of detail in his hands and I could concentrate on major problems.

Witness stated that as the construction of the A.R.P. store was of paramount importance, he approached, in March, 1938, the then Director of Public Works.

Chairman: Who was this?—Mr. Tickle, sir.

Outside Architect

Witness continued that this official told him that no officer could be spared from P.W.D. for that work and witness later applied to the Financial Secretary for, and was granted, permission to call in an outside architect, witness adding that when he informed the D.E.W. of this, the latter verbally suggested Messrs. Leigh and Orange.

Witness, in continuation, said it should be noted that it was not till March, 1939, that Mr. Hobbs was detailed to act as his technical adviser and that up to that time he had been carrying on without one. Even then, Mr. Hobbs worked in his own office at P.W.D. and it was not till September that he (Mr. Hobbs) began to work in an office adjoining his own next to the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Witness then went on to tell of a conference at which it was decided that payment for A.R.P. work would be made out of P.W.D. funds and not A.R.P. funds, and this conference resulted in a confidential schedule for A.R.P. work for 1939-40 to be debited to P.W.D., and that the only responsibility left with him was to apply for funds for equipment and stores.

No Further Dealings

He concluded: In June, 1940, I minuted the Hon. Colonial Secretary that I had no objection to the transfer back of Mr. Hobbs to the P.W.D. staff. This was agreed by the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, and on June 18, I minuted the P.W.D. Since July 1, 1940, I had no further dealings with construction work.

Commander Steele-Perkins read out a list of the different A.R.P. Services which, he said, he had assisted in organising. They included schemes for protection measures for the general public, communications and transport. He also assisted the Hon. Director of Medical Services, in organising the medical services on a war basis and the dispersal areas.

Training of the Police in anti-gas measures was also undertaken and finally co-ordination of the services and all the schemes.

He had also to work out detailed arrangements for black-out exercises and sector exercises. Even now, he pointed out, sector exercises were being carried out twice a week.

"Short Resume"

Describing his detailed statement as a "short resume of the ramifications of A.R.P.," Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins said that there were many other details which took up considerable time. "Had it not been for the whole-hearted co-operation of the Chinese community, I would not be able to produce such a satisfactory picture," said the D.A.R.P.

Official Tributes

Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins then drew the attention of the Commission to an extract of a

report on the year 1939 by Lieutenant-General Norton, then acting Governor of Hong Kong, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which he said that the "satisfactory progress achieved in the year under review in precautions against air attack has been largely due to the energy and initiative of Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins who was appointed A.R.P. Officer at the beginning of the year."

Referring to another report sent in January, 1940 to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins said the extract read: "An excellent and clear report on the progress of the D.A.R.P. and his staff."

The Chairman: You just said that the dispatch by His Excellency spoke of the excellent work in precautions against air attack. Was that in 1939?—Yes.

And in 1940 you would say that the work went out of the precaution stage?—Yes.

Why?

Witness explained that he had to take orders from the Defence Council.

"Government was extremely slow," he said, adding that the whole outlook was changed when General Norton arrived in August 1940.

Speed Up

The Chairman: Then things speeded up?—Yes.

And continued at the same speed?—Yes.

The Chairman then drew witness's attention to a sum of over \$8,000,000 which Government had spent on A.R.P. work, as follows:

Tunnels	\$4,501,348.26
Penshelters	\$439,154.23
Dug-outs, sandbags, etc.	\$2,887,853.66
Personnel etc.	\$256,937.55

The Chairman: In your opinion, as Director of A.R.P., has Government received 100 per cent. value for the eight million dollars?—It is a difficult question to answer. I think Government received good value.

Have you been to Kowloon lately?—Yes.

What is your opinion? Would you say they are first class tunnels?—They would serve the purpose they were built for—to give shelter to a certain number of people.

You consider the tunnels proof against air attack?—The work on the Kowloon tunnels was planned on the assumption of providing cover against 500-pound bombs.

Bomb Progress

In reply to the Chairman, witness said he was aware of the great progress made in the manufacture of bombs. He added: "To my mind an enemy would be foolish to use a 1,000-pound bomb except on such places as a naval yard."

Do you think they would use them on a barracks?—Yes, if it is occupied.

The Chairman: In any case, the tunnels in Kowloon were built on the assumption that they would have to stand 500-pound bombs and on these Government spent \$866,950?—Yes.

Witness admitted that he was responsible for choosing the site under the reservoir.

The Chairman: Have you visited it?—Yes.

What is your opinion?—It is damp. The sites were approved by General Norton who himself visited them.

Do you agree with me that one of the objectives of an enemy would be a reservoir?—Not in Kowloon.

Why?

Witness then indicated that he could answer the question in camera.

The Chairman: Generally speaking, reservoirs are military objectives?—Yes, but they are very difficult to destroy.

Best Available

You as Director of A.R.P. are quite satisfied with the siting of tunnels in Kowloon?—They are the best we could get.

You are not prepared to say they are the best?—No.

Have you visited the tunnels in Hong Kong lately?—Yes.

What is your opinion?—They will serve the purpose for which they have been built.

Is there any tunnel in Hong Kong not completed?—I will have to refer to the Director of P.W.D.

Is it right that the entrances of not one tunnel in Hong Kong on which Government spent 2 1/2

million dollars is blast-proof?—Yes, but it takes less than a week to make them blast-proof.

But it has not been done?—Yes.

Don't you think it was a duty to make them blast-proof as soon as possible?—Discussions on this have been going on for the last six months, whether to put the blast-proof curtain on the inside or outside of the tunnel entrances. Exploratory work is being done.

Over A Year

Assuming that in September, 1940, the tunnels were started, it has taken the Tunnels Committee over a year to decide whether to put up blast-proof curtains?—Yes.

The Chairman also pointed out to witness that a system of blast-proof curtains could be designed on paper and put up when the tunnels were completed.

The Chairman: Was a system actually designed?—I am unable to answer.

If I say it was never designed, I would be wrong?—Yes, I think so.

"Take the Hong Kong and Kowloon tunnels. Are you as Director of A.R.P. prepared to say that taken collectively an efficient ventilation system has been installed?—Not mechanical ventilation.

Three Hours

A statement has been made by a witness that the system of ventilation was bad and that he would be suffocated if kept inside for any length of time. Do you agree?—I do not, in Kowloon any way the system would allow for a period of three hours.

What about Hong Kong?—They are being given mechanical ventilation systems.

How many?—I think three.

Out of a total of?—Ten groups.

Are you satisfied that Hong Kong and Kowloon groups taken collectively are in such an advanced state that the ventilation system would allow people to remain inside for 24 hours?—No.

For how long?—Three hours.

With a supply of air for only six hours they would be suffocated?—I would not go so far.

But they will be extremely uncomfortable?—Yes.

Questioned on his visit to Chungking, witness said that he went in September, 1940, being sent by Government to inspect the A.R.P. measures adopted in Chungking.

Particularly about tunnels?—No, the general organisation.

Did you inspect the tunnels there?—Yes.

How many?—Between 20 and 30.

Witness agreed with the suggestion that a good many tunnels

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THE MODEST MARSHAL

Had it not been for the Hess episode—plus the curious case histories of the leaders of Nazi Germany—rumours of a rift between Der Fuehrer and the many-uniformed Reich Marshal Goering could be dismissed as sheerest guesses, or what the Italians delight in calling "tendentious" reports. But with the fantastic Odyssey of Nazi No. 3 as a background, it is necessary to remain open-minded about the activities of Nazis 1 and 2.

It is a fact that little has been heard of the large Marshal Goering since his congratulations to the Luftwaffe over its success in Crete. This is in contrast with other major campaigns which the Germans have undertaken. Early in the drive on Poland it was announced that the Marshal was directing the German air force in the field. Just before the attack on Norway Goering warned of a blow in the West. Immediately after the opening of the campaign against the Low Countries and France it was announced that he was again directing operations. Much was made, in Berlin dispatches, of Goering's personal conduct of the Battle of Britain last September, including the report that he had piloted a bomber over London. The plump Hermann was not much in evidence during the Balkan battles, and during the present war with Russia he has apparently disappeared from an exciting and portentous picture. Such modesty on Marshal Goering's part is distinctly unusual and lends a certain colour to the current rumours, however suspect the sources of these rumours may be.

That the stories of the confinement of the second man in the German Reich could be entertained for a moment is a pointed commentary on the revolutionary character of the Hitler regime, the explosive personalities that compose it, and its essential lack of stability. One can be sure that in shadowed Germany such stories are circulated under the rose, probably with emendations and enlargements that would seem incredible to better-informed peoples. So far as the world outside is concerned there is no special reason to believe these rumours until more substantial bases are pro-



BEGGARS CAN'T BE CHOOSERS?

Black Sea Drama

FOUR men—a Russian, an Afghan, a Caucasian, and an Iranian—are playing their part in the Black Sea drama.

Stalin is included, because the Black Sea's storm clouds are casting their shadows eastwards to Afghanistan; likewise because the Russian-Caucasian dictator, being partly Oriental, has a name that has a bearing upon the reaction of those who may feel the Nazi thrust in the Middle East, in addition to his being directly concerned in the Russo-Nazi struggle.

I once saw Stalin, looking like a weary farmer as he sat on the trunk of a fallen tree, addressing a group of Uzbek peasants. His words were being translated by a Bokharian youth who seemed ill at ease in his embroidered skullcap. The graybeards of the desert shook their heads disapprovingly as they heard him repeat Stalin's remark that Communism was simply their ancient faith in a new version.

In the evening Stalin's disciples harangued the people in the public square. The propagandist dilated fully upon Stalin's association with Lenin since 1903; how he had propagated the great revolutionary's doctrines through the columns of *Borba Proletariata*. This was true, but quite beyond the comprehension of the average Turkoman farmer. But when the speaker pointed out that it was Stalin who "struggled hard" for Central Asian Republics against the thraldom of the Amir of Bokhara, the eyes of his hearers sparkled in appreciation, for here was something which they could understand—something which had benefited them.

But if they are called upon to join in the struggle against the

vided for them. But should the British Isles, as A. P. Herbert, M.P., once said, "shake to an unprecedented thud as Reich Marshal Goering—a parachute at each corner—settles on and perhaps submerges the Isle of Wight or Skye," it would be no matter for great surprise.

Germans, the Russian dictator's personality alone will not produce the desired effect. It will have to be something much more potent, a tangible menace, as for example, the arrival of German troops in the ancient cities of Samarkand and Bokhara.

The activities of General Skoropadsky are of interest here because their horde toward Iran and beyond. I met him years ago in Paris, when he lived in rather humble circumstances in the French capital. But poverty had not broken him. This 70-year-old leader of the Cossacks bore himself as a Duke.

Sitting in a chilly room with a November wind lashing snowflakes on the curtainless windows

By
Sirdar Ikbāl
Ali Shah

of his apartment, he regaled me with stories of long ago when, as the Ukraine also looms large in Central Asia as the last barrier before the Germans may hurl a-dashing young Colonel of the Cossacks, he acted aide-camp to the Czar, and had actually become ruler of the Ukraine when the province was under German occupation during the World War.

Later in exile, he organised the National Caucasus Movement against the Soviets with Nazi money; then went to Istanbul offering to incorporate his country into the Turkish Republic if he could be made king of the Ukraine once again. But Kemal Atatürk declined the offer.

For 20 years Skoropadsky has waited, ever planning, plotting, and keeping in close touch with his "cells," not only in the Ukraine but also in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia.

This golder of fortune got his chance with the advent of the Nazi in France. Supplied with money and precise instructions regarding fifth-column activities, thousands of Skoropadsky's men await Hitler's command to move upon the Ukraine and join the

terrorist anti-Soviet movement—Ukrainska Vijskova Organizatsia—they hope to enthrone Skoropadsky by accepting Nazi tutelage. In this way they plan to make the Black Sea a German lake so that Nazi forces may move to the oil wells of Baku or carry on their thrust toward Iraq and Iran.

In Iran, the one man of importance until recently was Reza Shah Pahlevi. Soldier-minded and soldier-born, he rose from the ranks. First a trooper, then captain, colonel, War Minister, Prime Minister, till, by evicting the Kajar dynasty of soft-living Shahs of Persia, he was elected as Shahanshah (the King of Kings) in 1926. Like his Turkish counterpart, Kemal, he created a modern state, destroying tribal and feudal domination and reorganising and re-equipping the army. He controlled the power of the clergy, placed public finance in a sound state, revived industry, and strove hard to make Iran a self-sufficient country. Without borrowing from foreigners, he financed from national resources construction of an 870-mile-long Trans-Iranian railway line which connects the Persian Gulf with the Caspian Sea.

The last important figure is His Royal Highness Sirdar Mohamed Hashim Khan—the Afghan Prime Minister. He is the uncle of the youthful Afghan monarch, Mohamed Zahir Shah. Religious and hard-working, he began life as a Civil Servant during the regime of the ex-King Amanullah Khan, and rose to the status of a Governor. Thence he was transferred to the army, where he rose to the rank of general and fought hard in cooperation with his brother, the late Mohamed Nadir Shah, in the recent war of Afghan Revolution.

Since then he has been Prime Minister at Kabul. He has organised Afghan trade, education, and industry upon modern lines, with the result that the Afghanistan of to-day has no national debt, and agriculture and industrialisation have improved to the point of approaching self-sufficiency.

In diplomatic dealings a neutral course is being followed in Afghanistan, for the Prime Minister carries the nation with him in desiring peace in the land and good relations with its neighbours. The young king, recently, emphasised Afghanistan's neutrality during the present war.

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Three Czech Generals Shot

THE SIX CZECHS WHO WERE EXECUTED IN PRAGUE ON SUNDAY, FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF HEYDRICH, THE GESTAPO'S MOST NOTORIOUS KILLER, AS "PROTECTOR," INCLUDED TWO FORMER GENERALS OF THE CZECH ARMY.

One was General Josef Bily, formerly military commander of Bohemia, and Divisional General Hugo Vojta, who was deputy commander of the Seventh Army Corps in Bratislava.

EAGLE PILOTS' THRILL

Two American Eagle pilots on an offensive patrol inside France a few days ago had to fight every inch of the way home. They destroyed two pursuers and damaged another.

The youngest member of the Eagle Squadron, who has now destroyed five enemy aircraft, was on patrol with a comrade. On the way out of France, he saw an ME109 taking off, but before he got within range he saw another one behind it. He fired at this but did not see the result as he swept overhead.

His comrade, flying behind, had seen four others taking off, and shot at one of these.

The two American pilots were towards the end of their patrol and had not sufficient petrol to start a dogfight with opponents who had been freshly fuelled.

They decided to leave well alone and return to their base.

They flew out, one at 500 feet, the other at 1,000 feet.

Several ME 109F dived on the Spitfires half-way across the Channel.

"Two attacked my comrade," said the young Eagle pilot, describing his experience "and four fastened on to me. One of the enemy aircraft, on my tail, opened fire and I was flanked on both sides. I gave one a five-second burst with cannon and machine-gun.

"It shuddered violently, flicked on its back and dived into the sea.

"The enemy on my starboard side made a beam attack on me during this action and blew my hood off. I turned after him as he passed behind me and gave him all I'd got.

"Large pieces flew off him and I turned for the English coast.

"But one of the ME109F pilots, probably seeking revenge, pursued me all way to the cliffs of Dover, firing all the time. I used all the evasive tactics I knew but the enemy aircraft was flown by a very experienced pilot who often regained his position on my tail.

"Even in that hectic chase, however, I had time to see one thing that gave me a kick — another ME109F into the sea shot down by my comrade." — British Wireless.

LEAVING FOR FAR EAST BY AIR

Sir Otto Niemeyer and Mr. H. Merle Cochran, technical assistant to Secretary of the United States Treasury Morgenthau, were expected to leave for the Far East by air from San Francisco yesterday to help China settle monetary and fiscal problems. — Reuter.

NO DAY RAIDERS

Nothing to report in the official summary of yesterday's enemy air activity over Britain. — British Wireless.

According to news received by Czechoslovak Headquarters in London yesterday, they were arrested under the Emergency Order on Saturday, tried and sentenced on Sunday, and presumably executed before nightfall, or early yesterday morning.

The allegations against them were either sabotage or illegal possession of arms.

Premier's Arrest

News has also been received in London that General Elias, who was Premier of the puppet government of Bohemia and Moravia, who was also arrested on the orders of Heydrich, is already on his way to Berlin where it is believed, he will be tried by the so-called "People's Court."

It is the German allegation that Elias and others have been in contact with London and have been serving the interests of Dr. Benes. This is strenuously denied by Czech headquarters in London.

Twenty More

It is now learned that twenty more Czechs were sentenced to death in Prague yesterday, and the sentences carried out by shooting later.

The victims of Heydrich include the retired Brigadier General Frantisek Horacke, and the leading Communist, Frantisek Wunisch, baker, of Prague, Jan Pestups, editor, of Prague, Jaroslav Sedlacek, cabinet-maker, of Prague, and Dusan Subrt, clerk, of Prague.

Heydrich, the new "Protector," has decreed that in all the areas of the Protectorate in which the State of Emergency has been proclaimed, there shall be a police curfew in catering establishments, hotels, cinemas and all kinds of amusement houses at 10 p.m.

Meetings Banned

Railway restaurants may remain open as hitherto provided they are used only by the travelling public. The curfew does not apply to German theatres and concerts.

All kinds of meetings, theatre performances, concerts and other Czech cultural or sporting events are prohibited.

This ruling does not apply to shareholders' meetings, nor meetings of the executives or committees of economic corporations, but all such meetings must be announced to the competent authority beforehand. All houses must be locked at 11 p.m. unless an earlier hour is decided in individual municipalities. — Reuter.

Septugenarian

General Josef Bily was a septugenarian. During the last war he had served on the Austrian General Staff.

After 1918, he commanded various Czechoslovak units in Prague and Brno and 1929 was appointed commanding officer of the Bohemian Command — one of the four Czechoslovak Commands.

Five years later, he retired in view of age.

Hugo Vojta was an artillery specialist. He succeeded in escaping from the Austrian armies to the Russians during the last war when he was appointed Commander of the First Czech Artillery Regiment. He took part in the entire Russian campaign fought by the Czech Legions and returned to his country via Siberia and Japan. — British Wireless.

SIR ARCHIBALD COMING TO HONG KONG

Completing his discussions with Mr. Duff-Cooper in Singapore, Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr, British Ambassador to China, will leave for Hong Kong, en route to Chungking, tomorrow, it was learned in Singapore yesterday. — Reuter.

Hunan Battle Versions

Changsha was still in Chinese hands at noon yesterday according to the Chinese spokesman at a press conference in Chungking yesterday.

The Japanese High Command late last night announced in an official communique that their forces had withdrawn from Chuchow, fifty kilometres to the south of Changsha, having accomplished their objective.

The Japanese are stated by Japanese quarters to have occupied Chentowshih, 40 kilometres south-east of Changsha, "thus cutting off the retreat of over 20,000 Chinese." — Reuter.

"A LEGAL REPLY"

APPROACHED THIS MORNING BY THE "CHINA MAIL," MR. W. V. TAYLOR, HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE EVACUATION REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE, DISCLOSED THAT THE REPLY BY THE THREE UNOFFICIAL CHINESE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IS CONTAINED IN "THREE FOOLSCAP SHEETS."

"It is a legal reply," said Mr. Taylor, explaining that he was not at liberty to reveal anything further until after the Committee had considered the reply tomorrow at a meeting.

The reply was jointly signed by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, the Hon. Mr. Thomas Tam, and the Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong and was an answer to the Committee's copy of its resolution seeking an inquiry into the evacuation.

175 T. B. DEATHS

Sixteen cases of cholera with nine deaths, 255 of tuberculosis with 175 deaths, 59 of dysentery with 21 deaths, 23 of enteric fever with four deaths, four of diphtheria, two of meningitis with one death, and one case of typhus fever, were notified to the Health Authorities last week.

Yesterday 50 cases of tuberculosis, two of cholera, 14 of dysentery, three of enteric fever, and one of typhus, were notified.

WAVELL LEAVES

General Wavell has left Tobruk for India, according to Ankara Radio. — Reuter.

HEAVY R.A.F. RAID ON GENOA

STIRLINGS AND WELLINGTONS WERE IN THE FORCE WHICH ATTACKED OBJECTIVES IN ITALY FROM THE BRITISH ISLES ON SUNDAY NIGHT.

One Wellington pilot, who made a carefully-planned low level attack on a large factory at Genoa, said that going out they flew through moonlight, but near the Alps it became cloudy.

They skirted a terrific electrical storm over Mont Blanc, and they could see the zigzag flashes of lightning over the famous peak.

When they reached Genoa, they stayed there for an hour and a half, flying round, at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet.

The bombers above them kept dropping flares around them, lighting up their plane. There was, in addition, a good deal of heavy flak and a fair amount of light anti-aircraft fire.

"There were two layers of cloud over Genoa and a high bank of cloud over the moon, but we picked up a good 'pinpoint' for our first run up.

Scotch Caution

"The cautious Scotch bomb-aimer dropped a few incendiaries which dropped right on the factory and soon the whole of one end of the enormous building was ablaze.

"On the next time round, high explosive as well as incendiary bombs were dropped."

They went round a third time and saw the fires still going strong. They then dropped a stick of bombs along the docks.

The factory fires were still burning when they left.

A bomber from New Zealand and Czech squadrons took part in the bombing of Italy.

"Masonry Airborne"

A New Zealand Squadron Leader described how he flew "just about 400 feet above the summit of Mont Blanc."

"There was plenty of light at Genoa," he said. "Flares were dropping all over the place. Coming back it was pitch dark all the way. We could just make out the peaks of the Alps but after that we didn't see a thing until we came out of the cloud over the aerodrome."

There were many Hampdens in the attack on Germany, where Frankfurt was one of the chief objectives. One Hampden pilot, seeing more than mere flying fragments of a building in Frankfurt, reported impressively "masonry airborne from one burst."—British Wireless.

Official Communique

"Objectives at Genoa, Turin and elsewhere were attacked by aircraft of the Bomber Command on Sunday night.

"At Genoa, industrial areas were bombed and large fires were started in the docks," says an Air Ministry communique issued in London yesterday.

"Other forces attacked targets in western Germany, including Frankfurt. Five aircraft of the Bomber Command are missing" the communique states.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked an oil depot and refineries at St. Nazaire, says the communique, adding "two aircraft of the Coastal Command are missing."—Reuter.

QUETTA QUAKE

EARTHQUAKE P R O O F BUILDINGS ARE THOUGHT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FACT THAT COMPARATIVELY NEGLIGIBLE DAMAGE AND ONLY THREE CASUALTIES, ONE OF WHICH WAS FATAL, WERE CAUSED BY A SEVERE EARTHQUAKE YESTERDAY IN QUETTA.

A shock of great intensity, lasting 35 seconds, struck the city at 8 a.m. and other dozen intermittent shocks were experienced till 4 p.m., causing some panic among the local population. Mud-houses and walls collapsed in neighbouring villages, routes

FIGHTER PATROLS IN ACTION

Offensive patrols of R.A.F. fighters attacked a number of objectives yesterday said the Air Ministry News Service in London.

Off the Belgian coast, enemy patrol boats and a seagoing barge were swept by cannon and machine-gun fire resulting in one patrol boat being set afire and others being damaged, while the barge was left sinking.

A gun position on the coast was put out of action. Five lorries of a convoy in Northern France were set on fire in another raid.

From these operations one R.A.F. fighter is missing but the pilot is safe.—Reuter.

NEW GUN SURVIVES HEAVY TEST

A new sub-machine-gun, the invention of an Australian soldier, has survived the most severe tests, according to a Sydney cable this morning.

"Showered with sand, buried in earth, plunged into a tank of water, immersed in a gluey mass of thick clay and mud," these were some of the gruelling tests passed with great success yesterday.

The "Owen sub-machine-gun"—it was, against similar weapons, the only one to fire automatically under all conditions. Military experts described its performance as amazing.

The War Minister, Mr. Spender, who headed a party of spectators of high Army officers, said that the tests appeared to be most satisfactory and if the experts' detailed report was favourable the gun would be put into production.

Simplest Yet

According to official statements, the gun is far more simple to construct than any proved type and the estimated cost is under £10 when mass-produced as compared with £60 to £70 for the well-known type now used.

The 27-year-old inventor, Evelyn Owen, has been released from the Australian Imperial Forces to supervise production.—Reuter.

Saying It With Bells

The Dutch have found a new way to annoy the Nazis.

They now "say it with the bells."

A short time ago, says a report in the Nazi-controlled Dutch paper, "Algemeen Handelsblad," the carillon of St. Servatius Church at Maastricht played continuously (throughout the) night two sacred songs: "On Salvatius, Protector of Maastricht" and "To You Oh King of Ages"—the latter being the best known of all Dutch Catholic songs.

In the morning it was learned that the machinery which normally rings the bells had been tampered with so cleverly that it was impossible to stop this method of demonstrating Dutch confidence that their land would be freed from the aggressor.—Reuter.

MR. CHURCHILL TO REVIEW WAR SITUATION

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OF THE WAR SITUATION WHEN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS RE-ASSEMBLES SHORTLY, WRITES REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.

He will deal at some length with Russia, both as regards the position in the battle areas and the aid this country and the United States have given and can give.

Although normal consultations were only begun yesterday between representatives of Russia, the United States and Great Britain, the time that has elapsed since the Mission arrived in Moscow has not been wasted.

It is unlikely the Prime Minister will be able to give anything more than a preliminary report on the progress so far achieved, though the help sent already is believed to be substantial.

The Prime Minister may also deal with General Wavell's sub-

sequent talks with the Russian Commander in Teheran.

Production Issue

Some members of Parliament are anxious to raise the question of production as it affects help for Russia, but as there will probably be a further opportunity of debating this question after Lord Beaverbrook's return from Moscow, the discussions on the Prime Minister's statement may be confined to general issues.

Subsequently, the Commons will be asked to pass a further vote of credit for £1,000,000,000 for war expenditure.—Reuter.



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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	2♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of hearts, and South took stock. He could count ten tricks which could be taken "on the run." If the hand were being played at rubber bridge, therefore, it would be correct for South to take his ten tricks and let it go at that. But the fact that he was playing tournament bridge made South reconsider.

The hand was going to be played (like all tournament hands) at many tables, and South had to get as good a result as was obtained by any other player scheduled to play the hand. He could see that if the other Souths played the hand at spades, they would make either ten or eleven tricks, depending on the success of the club finesse—which they could take without danger. Furthermore, if at other tables a heart was not the opening lead, the club finesse could be taken without risk.

If the club finesse succeeded, those who took it would beat his score regardless of whether they were playing a spade or a no-trump contract. The danger was obvious: if the finesse lost, he might lose his contract. So the burning question was: Ought he risk his contract just for the chance to make an extra trick?

At rubber bridge, as we have pointed out, the answer would be a resounding "no." But South thought it over along the lines described and quite properly decided to take the finesse. When it succeeded, he was assured of a good score.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K J 7 3
♥ K Q 9 7 4
♦ Q 5
♣ 7

The bidding:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Pass. Your partner's bidding is strong, but slam seems too remote for you to risk the game contract by going any higher. You have no fit for clubs, and may not be able to avoid the loss of a diamond, and some other tricks, even if you can win the first or second diamond in the dummy.

Score 100% for pass, 30% for five hearts or four no-trump.

Question No. 834

To-day you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken	You	Jacoby	Maier
Pass	1♠	Pass	2♠
Pass	2♥	Pass	4♥
Pass	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer

to-morrow).

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MYRON TAYLOR AT FOREIGN OFFICE

Mr. Myron Taylor, special U.S. envoy to the Vatican, who is on a brief visit to London, saw Mr. Eden, Foreign Secretary, yesterday. — British Wireless.

TRIBUTE TO BRIDGES TO BE LATE MR. HARROP

At the weekly meeting held this morning of the Food and Firewood Board, the chairman, Brigadier A. Peffers said:

"Before we proceed to the business of the meeting, you will wish me to refer to the passing of one of the most valued members of our staff."

"You know him better than I do, so I need not describe to you Mr. Harrop's outstanding qualities as an individual and as a member of the Food Control Board."

"He will be a very hard man to follow and a very difficult man to replace. I think this Board should record an expression of its appreciation of his services to the Food Control Board and also of sympathy of condolence with his family."

FIRMISH TONE ON STOCK MARKET

The Stock Exchange in London yesterday was quietly firm with shippings outstanding, Cunard 9s. 6d. against 8s. 3d. on encouraging revenue figures.

Small rises were recorded in gilt-edged securities, home rails, and oils, except Anglo-Iranian. Industrials were mixed with small advances in tobacco, Rayons, textiles which were offset by set-backs in buildings and breweries. South American rails continued firm but foreign bonds were dull, Brazilians and Japanese easing slightly. Wall Street was narrowly firm. — Reuter.

SALES PROHIBITION

The sale of all textiles, linens, shoes, fur and hats has been suspended in Italy for a fortnight as from to-day, by special decree of the Fascist Ministry of Corporations, states Rome Radio. At the end of the fortnight, all such goods are to be rationed. — Reuter.

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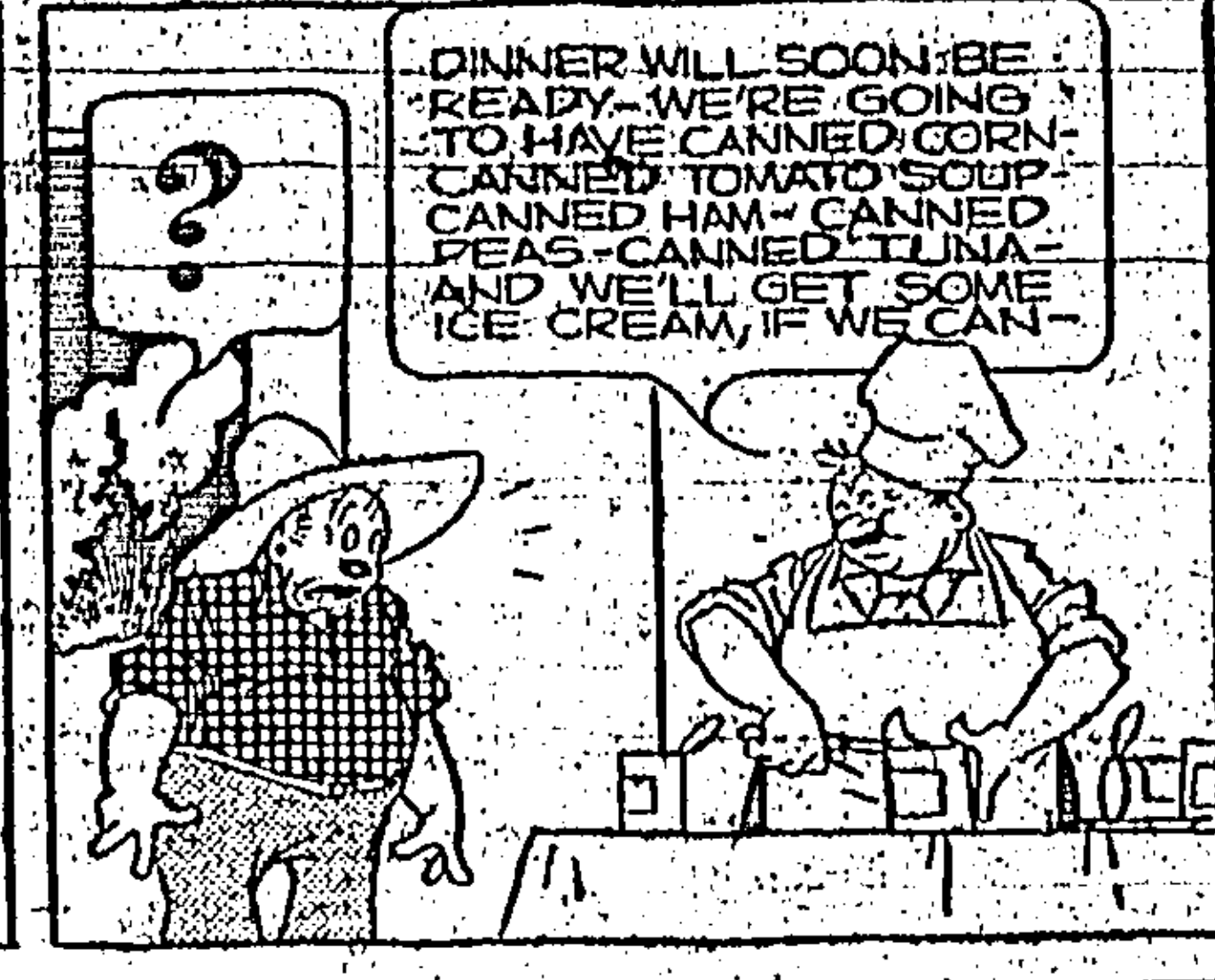
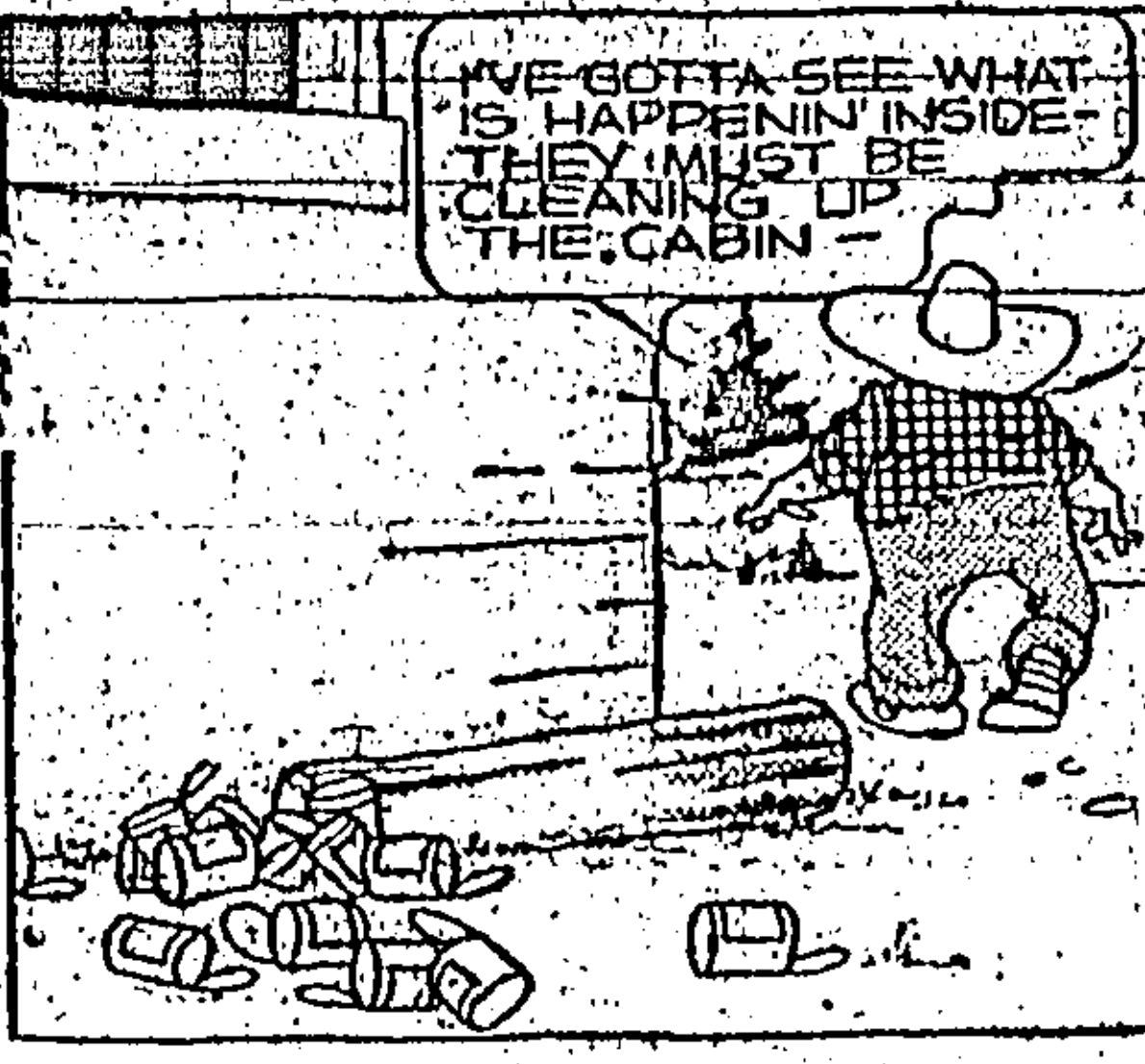
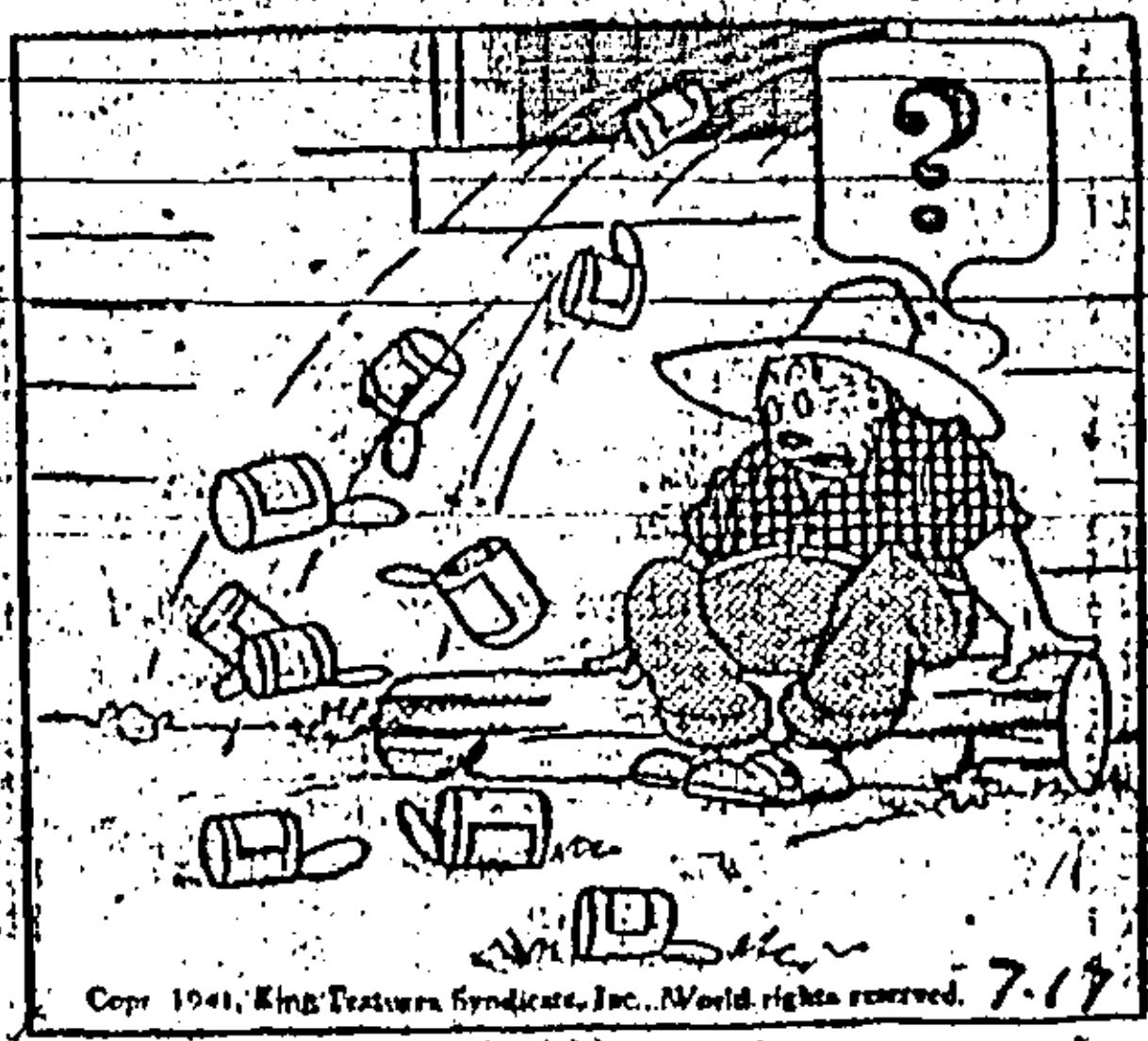
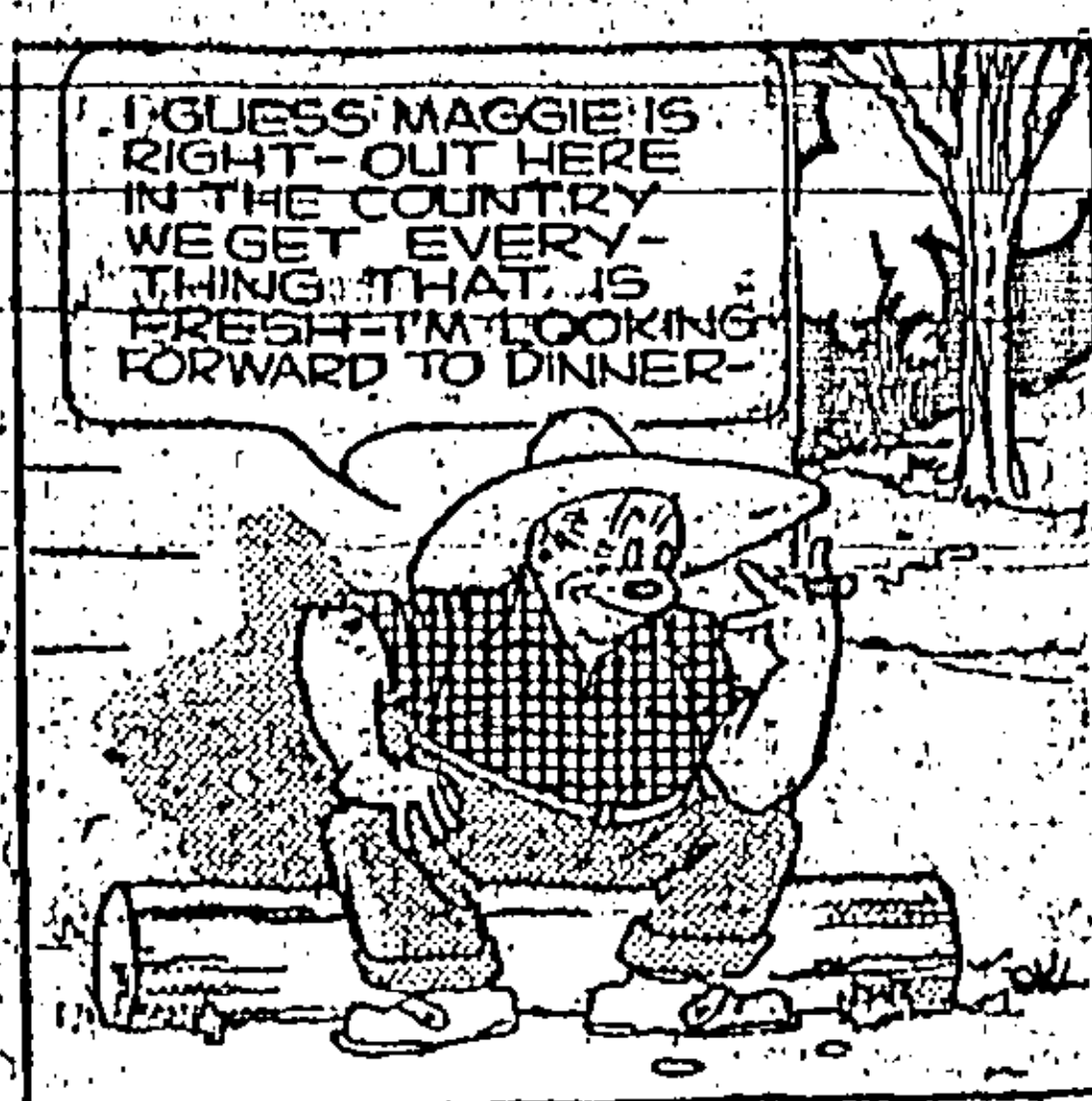
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in Chungking obtained natural ventilation.

Sanitation

Regarding sanitation. Can you tell me if any tunnel in Kowloon has sanitary arrangements?—No, sir.

None?—I don't think any. Do you know why it has taken so long?—No, but the tunnels have only just been completed. Having been started a year ago?—Yes.

Are there any in Hong Kong with electric light?—Yes.

Which one?—Belcher's group. In view of all the questions put to you and the answers you have given do you think this expresses the truth?—An excellent and clear report on the progress of the Director and his staff?—Yes.

Mr. Tinson, Commander Steele-Perkins' legal representative, intervened at this stage and said that Government could not hold witness as a tunnel expert. All he knew of tunnels was obtained from reading books on the subject. Witness was an expert in anti-gas and A.R.P. precautions.

The Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Tinson. I shall not need your assistance in the way of putting questions or the form in which they are made.

The Chairman to witness: Can you in view of the questions put to you and the answers you have given say that the statement expresses the truth?—I do, sir.

Gas Precautions

Have any steps been taken in regard to preventing gas from getting into the tunnels?—No, but it is intended to erect a blanket.

Up to now not a single tunnel in Hong Kong and Kowloon is gas-proof?—Yes.

Therefore, if a gas bomb fell at the entrance of one of the tunnels, at present there is nothing to prevent gas from escaping into the tunnels and all the people from being killed?—A proportion would be killed. It depends entirely on the direction of the wind.

Assuming the wind was blowing directly into the tunnel?—Not all would be killed.

Is an expert in anti-gas measures?—Did you draw the attention of the Tunnels Committee to this?—Yes.

The Chairman then requested all correct evidence relating to this subject and showing that witness drew the Tunnels Committee's attention to the fact that no anti-gas measures had been taken.

When these mechanical fans are on, is it right to say that it sucks the air through the entrances?—Yes.

So if a gas bomb fell at the entrance, the gas will be sucked in?—Yes and no. The fans can be reversed.

"Uncomfortable" Inside

With the tunnels in their present condition and during an air raid if a bomb dropped near one, what would be the result for the people inside?—With the tunnels in their present condition, I would say they would be uncomfortable.

I suggest to you it would be a topolition of the Chungking affair? Am I right or wrong?—I would not go so far.

Have you seen any of the tunnels in England?—No.

Have any of your staff or the staff of the Public Works Department or any one with the A.R.P. ever seen a modern English tunnel?—I don't think so. I am open to correction. There is a modern tunnel in Ramsgate.

Chairman:—Perhaps I am wrong in calling them tunnels, wrong in calling them deep shel-

ters—Deep shelters or tunnels which do you mean?

The chairman then explained that he meant a deep shelter or a tunnel to mean a shelter which was bomb-proof and provided safety in air raids.

Am I correct in saying that all tunnel work is authorised by the Tunnel Committee?—Yes.

What does that consist of?—Mr. Pearce, myself, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Lavrov and Mr. Campbell.

Three P.W.D. men, you as D.A.R.P. and Mr. Lavrov employed by Messman's?—Yes.

Therefore these five gentlemen are the people who look after the construction and are responsible for the work?—Yes.

Other Duties

In your statement that you read, you mentioned that you had other duties consisting of nearly 21 items:—

What was among your first?—Officer attached to Fire Brigade.

When was that?—In December, 1938. I used to go round and make recommendations for increased personnel for incendiary work. It was through this that the A.F.S. came into being.

You also organised the Decontamination Squads?—Yes, this started in March, 1939.

What is the personnel?—272.

Every one paid for every parade he attends?—No.

Are all these volunteers—we can't call them volunteers if they are paid but members of the public who volunteered for this kind of work—paid?—No, only when they turn out.

The decontamination squads are not paid?—No.

Why do wardens get paid?—Wardens work all night.

Have you got air wardens?—Yes. The ordinance covers them?—Yes.

Do you know roughly the various ranks?—Yes, the first are the Chief Air Wardens.

Who are they?—Mr. Pentreath in Hong Kong and Mr. Terry in Kowloon.

Are they on a salary basis?—Only in a black-out.

What is their pay?—\$30 a night. Every time they turn out in a black-out?—Yes.

What next?—After that are the Head Wardens.

Who are they?—Mr. Manning in Hong Kong and Colonel Matthews in Kowloon.

Continuing, witness said next came the Divisional Wardens. There were 15 in Hong Kong and Kowloon and were in charge of a division.

Down The Ranks

Will you run down the ranks?—Next is the District Warden. A division is divided into districts according to the size of the division, and a District Warden is in charge. Below this group are the Senior wardens in charge of two men at individual posts.

Is he the lowest officer?—He is not an officer. The lowest is the warden.

Which corresponds to a private?—Yes.

What is the strength of the corps?—4,375.

Is it their duty in an air raid and black-out to marshal the people and direct them to the tunnels?—Not so much as that. Among their duties would be helping to put out incendiary bombs, keeping essential services going etc.

Every one knows that this is a well-organised body. Of the 4,375 persons how many are women?—About a fourth.

It is a very efficiently run organisation?—I think so.

Do you know anything about the tunnel wardens? Have they been organised?—I advertised for people but received only 12

names and am now asking the police to take over the duty.

You had no difficulty in getting people for A.R.P. wardens?—No.

"The Right Answer"

Why was it difficult to get people to join the tunnel department?—Perhaps they do not like to stay in the tunnels.

Chairman:—I think that is the right answer.

Do you know that the work of the building of the A.R.P. store was given to Leigh and Orange?

Yes.

Do you know that this store is adjacent to the Government stores?—Yes.

And that the A.R.P. and Government stores were erected at the same time?—Yes.

Do you know that the Government store was built by the P.W.D. and the architect was from the P.W.D.?—Yes, I know now.

Do you know why the gentleman could not do the A.R.P. store?—I wrote to the Director of Public Works about it and told him that I had no expert and asked him to undertake the work. I was told to get outside assistance and this was approved by the Financial Secretary.

Am I right to say that the same plans could have been used for both stores?—I think so. Prior to leaving England, I had seen several plans for stores designed for storage of respirators. When I left, I brought the plans and gave them to Leigh and Orange and asked them to modify them to suit conditions here.

Chairman:—I am not talking about the inside, only about the construction of the building or wing?—I don't know, I see no reason why the plans could not have been used.

If that had been done there would have been no need to pay Leigh and Orange?—That is correct.

You said that you had seen stores in England the inside of which had racks for clothing and were air-conditioned?—Yes.

Air Conditioning

The evidence of the Controller of Stores shows that after the stores was completed the air-conditioned plant was not ordered. Is that correct?—No.

Was the plant ordered before or after the completion?—Definitely before.

Do you know the date?—No. Witness was told to take a note and let the Chairman know later. Is it installed?—Yes.

It was not installed on Saturday?—Only two small parts were missing.

Evidence by Mr. Anderson showed that the chute chain was not of the size to handle big boxes. Did you inspect the work when completed?—Yes.

Were you satisfied the way it had been built?—Yes.

Did Mr. Anderson say he was not satisfied?—I have a minute that there were no complaints whatever.

Witness asked to be permitted to bring the minute later.

When you inspected the store, you were satisfied that clothing could be stored?—Yes, as soon as the racks were ready. The clothing was in boxes.

Is it a fact that the racks were erected wrongly?—No, I believe the plans were for that and they followed the plan.

Regarding air conditioning, were you satisfied that protective clothing could be kept there?—Yes.

When the Controller of Stores was informed that the store was ready, were all the windows in?—Yes.

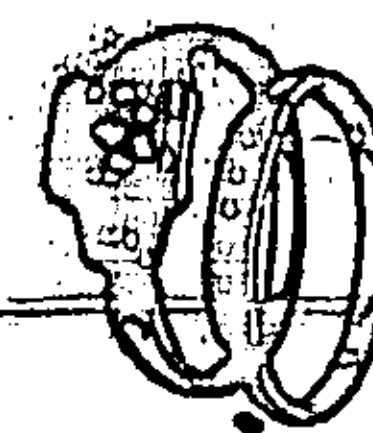
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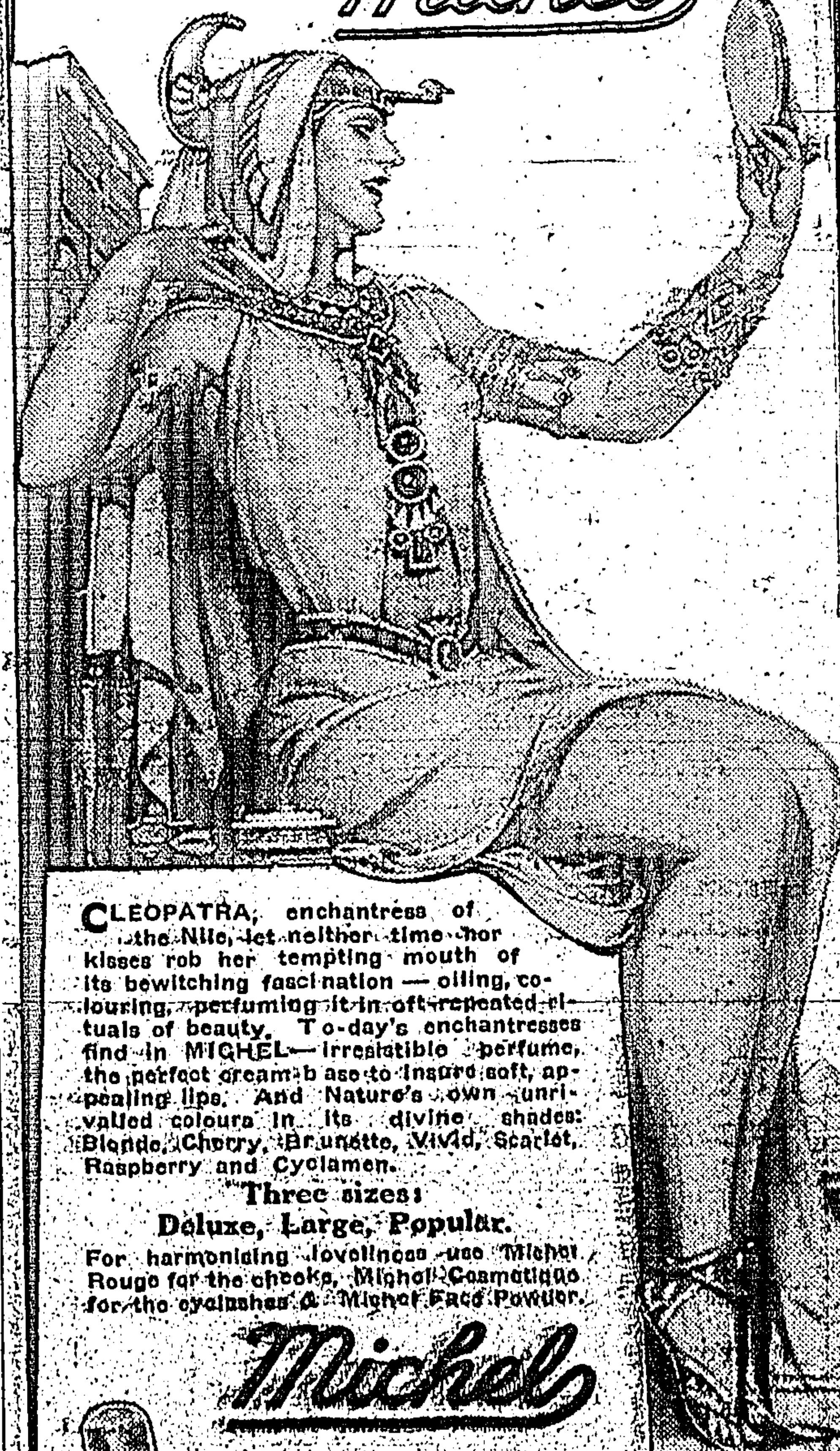
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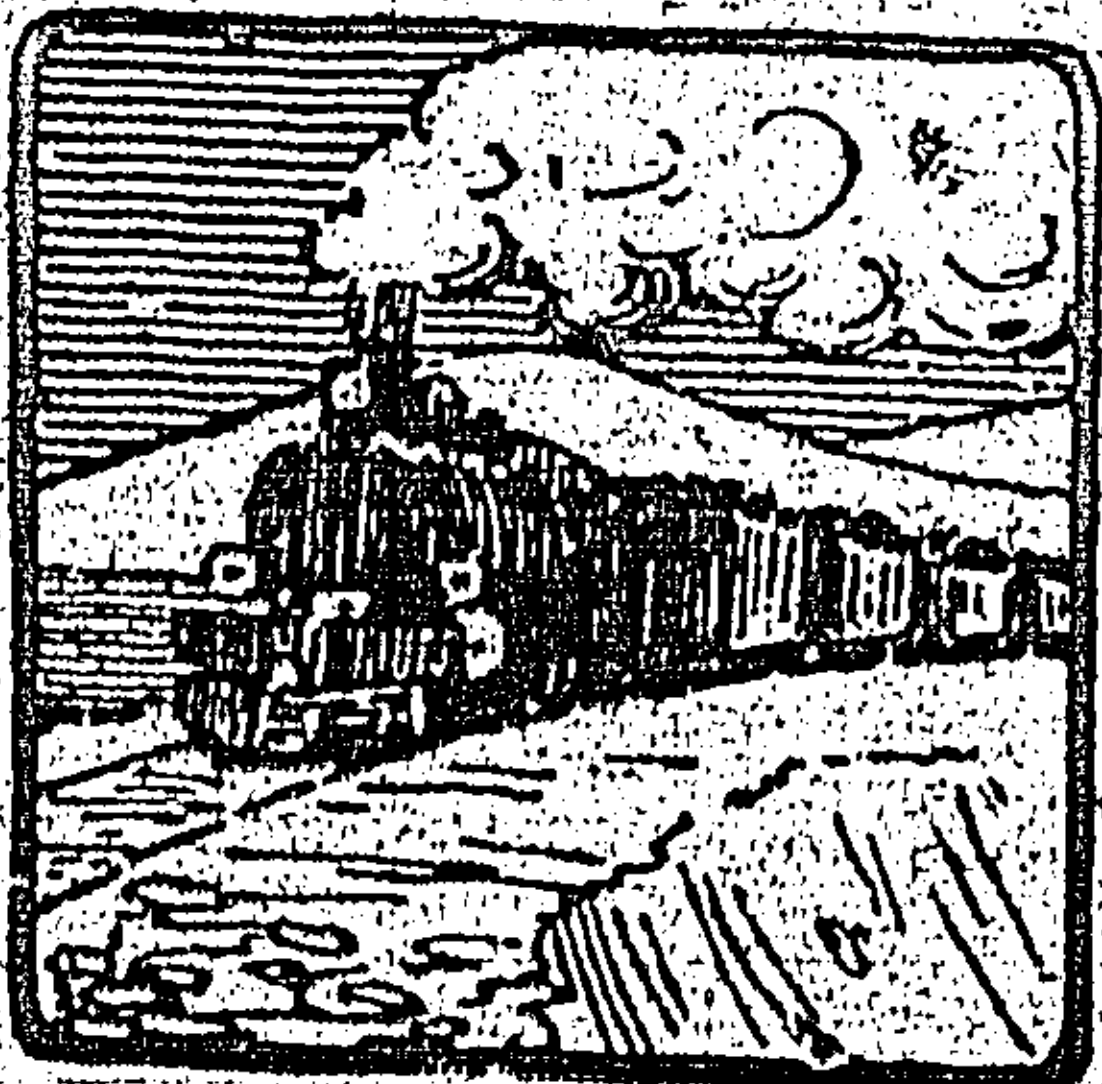
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to get new windows to allow air in?—Yes.

Fire-Fighting

Chairman (to witness): Is it a fact that when the store was handed over by Leigh and Orange to the Controller of Stores, no fire-fighting appliances had been installed?—Yes.

And they were installed after?—Application was made for the installation of the fire-fighting appliances before the store was handed over.

The chairman then told witness that he (chairman) would defer further questioning in regard to the store until after witness had had an opportunity of studying the evidence given by the Controller of Stores.

Chairman: Now, Comdr. Steele-Perkins, you say that when you originally started in the C.S.O., your staff consisted of yourself and one stenographer, that was, in 1938?—Yes.

What does it consist of now?—A Deputy, a Training Officer (Mr. Bevan), two stenographers, one senior clerical officer and I think four clerks.

That is the whole personnel?—Yes.

Are the two Chinese anti-gas instructors on your staff?—Yes, they are.

They are on your permanent staff?—Yes.

Are there any European anti-gas instructors on your staff?—Originally, yes, but this title was changed in the last estimates to Training Officer.

There are no European anti-gas instructors?—Except myself.

Anti-Gas Instructors

But you are so busy with your work we don't expect you to go round telling us about gas. So the point is the only two anti-gas instructors on your staff are the two Chinese who get, between them, \$750?—Oh no sir. There is Mr. Puckle. He also gives instructions.

What I am after is, are there any instructors who go round to people who do not speak Chinese?—Yes, Mr. Puckle and Mr. Bevan. Mr. Bevan, how much does he get?—\$750, and also Mr. Bailey.

How much does he get, also \$750?—No sir, nothing like that. After asking for details regarding the appointment of the Chinese instructors, the chairman asked witness what these two instructors' duties were. Witness replied that they arranged the lectures and corrected the papers in the office.

What is the major part of their work?—To arrange lectures and correct papers.

But they were appointed as instructors?—The first appointment yes, but they are now correcting papers and keeping the Chinese informed.

You mean keeping your Chinese personnel informed?—Yes.

Not the public?—Yes, sir.

Sometimes Lecture

Do they lecture to the public?—Sometimes.

When was the last time they did so?

Witness said he would have to look that up.

Do you know Mr. Chak personally?—Yes.

And you told us he lives in Hong Kong?—Yes.

And the other is Mr. Fung?—Yes.

Does he live in Hong Kong too?—Yes.

Are there any members of the families of these two employed in A.R.P. work?—Yes, Mr. Chak's daughter and his son give lectures. Are they paid?—Only when they give lectures.

Now, you said that the Committee was formed and Mr. George Pentreath kindly took over chairmanship of the Main Committee, is that correct?—Yes.

He is a personal friend of yours?—Yes.

You live in his house on the Peak?—Yes.

Do you pay him any rent?—Yes.

You say he is chief air raid warden in Hong Kong?—Yes.

How long has he been that?—After he came back from leave.

He is very keen.

I know that. Was he appointed on your recommendation?—Yes.

Is he in any other way connected with A.R.P. work?—He is now helping to organize the fire-fighters.

Fire Watchers

Asked if this scheme was successful, witness said that so far

they had about 600 people in it. He agreed that it was originally planned to form fire-watchers which would be incorporated into the A.R.P. but Government had rejected the idea.

Chairman: Are the fire-watchers paid?—Only when they are mobilised.

Can you mobilise them?—With authority.

But you have authority, under the Ordinance, to mobilise them for training?—Yes.

And they would be paid if mobilised?—Yes.

At this stage the chairman asked witness whether the Chief Air Raid Wardens for Hong Kong and Kowloon had worked their way through the ranks, or if they were appointed to those positions right away. Witness said that they were appointed right away.

Now, you said that when you first came here you took the English and Chinese press into your confidence, and later you found it necessary to enlist the support of the Chinese womenfolk and that your wife took an active part and formed the Women's A.R.P. Union. You said Mrs. Violet Chan became a supporter of A.R.P. Do you know Mrs. Violet Chan?—Yes, sir.

How long have you known her?—Ever since I came here.

You know where she lives?—Yes.

Where?—Po Shan Road.

What number?—No. 6.

Miss Mimi Lau

Was she the only Chinese lady who has been interested in A.R.P.?—There are several of them.

Do you also know a Miss Mimi Lau?—Yes, sir.

How long have you known her?—About 3½ years.

Like Mrs. Chan?—Yes.

Did she, like Mrs. Chan, become a supporter of A.R.P.?—No.

Is she an air raid warden?—Yes.

How long has she been one?—Since April or May this year.

Is Mrs. Chan an air raid warden?—No, sir.

Well, Comdr. Steele-Perkins, Miss Lau has given evidence with regard to her friendship with you. I don't use that word in any meaning other than personal and social friendship. She said you introduced her to the Mercantile Bank in regard to some money she had. Can you tell the Commission something about that?—Yes, sir. Sometime in May she informed me she was anxious to get gold dollars, and she also said there had been a theft nearby. I asked her why she did not put her money into a Chinese bank and she said she was anxious to get gold dollars.

I rang up Mr. Bittling of the National City Bank and he said he would open an account but was not very anxious to deal with the Chinese at that time.

By Arrangement

On June 4, I rang up Mr. Benson and asked if he could assist and he said he would, and if I brought her along he would see what he could do. That is as far as I know of the banking account.

Did you bring her along?—I met her by arrangement.

Where do you bank, Comdr. Steele-Perkins?—With the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, sir.

Could you not get gold dollars through them?—I don't know, sir.

But aren't they one of the Big Five here?—It did not occur to me.

Is there any reason why you took her to the Mercantile Bank?—Yes, Benson is a personal friend of mine.

Isn't the manager or second manager of the Hong Kong Bank a friend of yours?—Yes, sir.

Why choose between one personal friend and another when one is in your own bank?—Because I knew Mr. Benson had the same feelings as I towards the Chinese.

And the Hong Kong Bank manager has not?—I never discussed it with him.

At Happy Valley

Have you seen Miss Lau since?—Yes.

Do you see her often?—About once or twice a week.

When was the last time you saw her?—Last Sunday.

Where did you see her?—At Happy Valley.

Oh, at the Race Course?—Oh no, not at the Race Course. Outside it.

Do you see her often?—As I said about once or twice a week.

Would it be correct to say that you see her frequently?—Not frequently.

But you speak to her frequently?—Yes.

Now, this Sunday meeting. When did you see her, in the day or at night?—In the evening about 8.30 p.m.

no sir, later than that, about 9.30 p.m.

When did you last see Mrs. Chan?—On Sunday.

And before that?—Do you remember?—As a matter of fact I see Mrs. Chan every Sunday morning. I call at her place every Sunday.

It's a custom of yours?—Yes.

Do you know a Mrs. Kwan?—Yes.

Peak Party

When did you last see her?—At a party given by Mr. Mackinchan at the Peak.

Who were there?—Mr. and Mrs. Tinson, Mr. and Mrs. Edmondston, Mr. Williamson, Mr. Sturt, Mr. and Mrs. Kwan, Miss Lau.

Miss Mimi Lau?—Yes, Mr. Pentreath, Mr. Robert Young and myself.

Chairman: (to Mr. D. L. Strellett): I saw you here, but I forgot to ask you.

Mr. Strellett: I am appearing for Miss Mimi Lau.

Hearing was then adjourned till 3 p.m.

RADIO

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.30 p.m.—Portuguese Programme.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post" Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Local Time Variety.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Landauer.

9.15 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on 9.45 p.m.—Magyar Imre and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Two Songs by Theodore Charlapine (Bass).

10.25 p.m.—Tchaikovsky—Symphony No. 6 in E Minor, Op. 64.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

NEW LORD MAYOR OF LONDON

Lieut.-Colonel Sir John Laurie was chosen at the Guildhall yesterday to be the next Lord Mayor of London.

Sir John who is 69 has been an Alderman since 1931 and was Sheriff in 1935/36. He is Prime Warden of the Sadlers' Company. He is a bachelor.

His great-uncle, Sir Peter Laurie, was Lord Mayor in 1831—British Wireless.

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swimmer in a decade, were no longer in the city. Archie Logan, veteran of many years of first-class swimming competition, had retired; Bobbie Hekking, last year's sprint champion, was reported to be suffering from a weak heart. Charlie Butt was still a mere youngster.

But, undaunted, the Committee of the S.A.S.A., under the able leadership of Mr. Jack Dearn, himself a prominent figure in local swimming circles for many

Chie's Further Laurels

Chie A Newcomer

First indications that a new swimming star had flashed on the local horizon were received at the heats of the A.S.F. Gala on Wednesday, August 13, when - T. S. Chie—a newcomer to Shanghai—

Great Heeking in the 220 yards
free style. Chie displayed promise
of better things to come and he
did not disappoint these pro-
moticators in the final on Satur-
day, when Heeking and the Chin-
ese star battled neck-and-neck
throughout the entire 220 yards
seen here in a long time.

Heeking managed to win by a
touch—in the good time of min-
utes 37-3/5 seconds, which though
eight seconds above the record
established by "Toby" Gravitloff
in 1939, was the best performance
in the last few years.

880 Yards Record

Chie vindicated contentions that he would improve the longer the distance he swam by scoring an easy victory in the 440 yards the following week, defeating Hekking by some 25 yards in the excellent time of 5 minutes 43-4/5 seconds.

TO-DAY'S GAMES

The programme for to-day in the Second Round of Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship, is:—

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BADMINTON AT Y.M.C.A.

at a meeting of the Badminton Club of Y.M.C.A. a committee was appointed consisting of R. E. G. (Chairman), G. Tapson (Secretary), R. Johnson (Treasurer) and H. C. Ram and J. Carlett (committee members). Badminton may be played at "Y" on Mondays and Fridays from 7.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. and a charge will be made for the shuttles.

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REFLECTIONS ON SEASON'S OPENING SOCCER ENCOUNTERS

By "Referee"

The football season, which opened on Saturday, was featured by several upsets, the biggest of which was the defeat of South China champions, by Kwong Wah on Sunday, and a glut of goals in all three Divisions.

Kwong Wah's win was well-deserved, as they played good football and took their chances as they came, and this early success should give them every encouragement.

The inclusion of Lee Kwok-wai and Chan Tak-fai, erstwhile South China players, greatly strengthened the team, while Fook Yiu-wah, who played for South China juniors last season, fitted well into the side.

TWO players, and two players only, made all the difference to the St. Joseph's side that unexpectedly beat Police by five clear goals. Guy, by taking over the pivotal position, supplied a long-felt want, as not only did this strengthen the side, but allowed both Leonard and Hussain to revert to their old positions at back.

Marshall, formerly of Royals, showed perfect understanding with the rest of the forwards. He played a sound game, falling back to help the defence when occasion demanded, and sending out good ground passes to Costa on the left-wing.

MIDDLESEX did well against Eastern in the first half to be down by the only goal, scored by Hau-Ching-to. They also had their share of the game in the early stages of the second half but could not put the finishing touches

to their movements. Eastern finished strongly and scored four goals in quick succession.

Felham's Fine Game

SAPPERS put up an unexpectedly good fight against Sing Tao, and to the surprise of even their own supporters were three goals in the lead early in the game. Felham played a grand game, and was the chief schemer.

Birrell's display on Saturday and in practice games earlier clearly shows that he is more valuable in the attack than in the intermediate line.

BLAZZARD, Service Corps full-back, who recently arrived from Home, gave a grand display against Police juniors. He was clean in his tackling and never wasted a clearance, and more should be heard of him in the next few weeks. He appears certain to secure a place in the junior representative charity game on October 10.

P. CASTRO and W. Maher, who signed on for St. Joseph's, have requested transfers to play for Shell Sports Club.

MAX, who played for Association in the recent charity match, and Stanton, a full-back, both of Middlesex, have obtained permission to play for St. Joseph's.

THE stands at Boundary Street will not be ready for the Kwong Wah-Sing Tao First Division game on Saturday, and arrangements are now being made for the game to be played at Caroline Hill.

Referees Not Too Fit

IN spite of the advice given some time ago by the committee of Hong Kong Football Referees, Association for referees and linesmen to get fit, several officials appeared to be badly in need of training for the opening games.

UNBIASED sources state that a certain referee played several minutes extra in the first half of a senior game last Saturday.

If true this does not speak well for the referee—unless he made allowance for time lost during that period—but no protest will be sustained as the referee's decision, on point of fact and on question of time, is final. He is the official time-keeper of the match.

THE three leading Chinese Clubs, South China, Eastern and Sing Tao, have reached an agreement not to ask senior players of other clubs to join them.

This will eliminate a lot of the annual transfers. A player may be taken from another club provided he obtains a place in the senior team. By this way the three clubs hope to keep their teams together.

'Varsity Misfortune

UNIVERSITY, who made their return to League football on Saturday, have the makings of a good side, but, unfortunately, most of their players are interested in other sport. They will be engaged in cricket on Saturdays and hockey on Wednesdays, and it is therefore only on Sundays that they can field their best side.

DURING the First Division game between Kwong Wah and Sing Tao, it was observed that much time was lost in retrieving the ball when it cleared the stands. I suggest that that another equally good ball be kept in readiness at all football games, thus eliminating any undue waste of time.

ON many grounds, corner flags are not up to requirements. The laws of the game provide for a flag at each corner on a post not less than 5 ft. high, having a non-pointed top. On some grounds, the

SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION SHOW A PROFIT

A profit of \$1,161.27 was reported at the annual meeting of Hong Kong Softball Association yesterday evening. Dr. F. J. Molten, then president.

Closing date for entries to the League was fixed for October 7 at 5:45 p.m. when the next meeting will be held at Ellington Club, King's Park. Entries should be sent to the Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. E. Ribeiro), c/o Standard Vacuum Oil Company, Union Building.

Registration forms will be issued individually and must be signed before members will be allowed to play.

According to present arrangements, First Division matches will be played at Kowloon F.C. and Second Division games at Chatham Road.

A match has been arranged at K.F.C. on November 11 at 2.30 p.m. between Canadian Chinese girls and Wildcats in conjunction with the display by the League of Health and Beauty.

Following officers were elected: President—Dr. F. J. Molten; Vice-President—R. Ogden; Hon. Secretary—A. E. Ribeiro; Hon. Treasurer—H. A. Barros.

MINIATURE RIFLE SHOOTING

Draft Rules For Knock-Out Series

Mr. A. F. Evans, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong Rifle Association (Miniature Rifle Section), has forwarded us the draft rules for the proposed Winter "Knock-Out" Competition, in connection with which Clubs or units intending to take part are invited to communicate with him:

COUNTRY GOLF CLUB MEETING

Mr. A. W. Ramsay, (President) was in the chair at the annual meeting of Country Golf Club yesterday, and reported that the Club showed a loss for the year of \$708. It was pointed out, however, that this was essentially a book loss and in no way detracted from the successful running of the Club.

Membership showed an increase of 10.

Mr. F. E. A. Remedios was elected President and the following were the Committee members elected: Messrs H. Kew, C. H. T. Suen, A. R. Pinna, K. T. Oet, F. X. Silva, M. F. Pinna, M. A. Simoes and A. T. Lee.

Messrs T. A. Martin and Co. were re-elected auditors.

VALLEY GOLF TEAM

Following will represent Happy Valley against Kowloon Golf Club on October 12:

H. H. Mundy (Captain), N. J. Bebbington, N. J. Booker, A. C. J. Bowker, M. A. Cairns, G. Davies, E. Greenwood, L. M. S. Lloyd, J. W. Macdonald, A. McKellar, A. H. Penn, K. S. Robertson, J. A. R. Selby, W. Sharp, W. A. Stewart, W. Stoker, J. M. Thompson and G. E. Willerton.

corner flags do not come up to the required measurements, and constitute a danger to the players.

THE examination of aspiring civilian football referees will be held in the Association's Offices, Des Voeux Road Central, this evening at 5.30 p.m. Among the candidates are O. Sadelis, N. Delgado, J. Peralta, and T. Lai.

IT is reckoned that the Middlesex Second Division team, hit the woodwork on at least a dozen occasions in their game against Eastern on Saturday when they were 4-5 down. When they at last secured the equaliser, however, they added another three in quick succession to win by 8 goals to 5.

TWO pleasing features of the opening programme of football matches were that there were no postponements or unpleasant incidents.

FOGWILL, who played for Club juniors several years ago, will be playing again and will be seen for Club in their League game against Signals to-morrow.

ST. Joseph's hope to be further strengthened by two Service men in a fortnight's time, but who they are is still a secret.

KIT Chee are expected to give a better performance in future games as they were unable to have any practice matches prior to their opening League game.

D. Alves, former Club de Recreio full-back, has signed on for Shell Sports Club.

\$2,500 CRICKET BAT

By "Incog."

Shanghai cricketers have set a fashion that might well be copied by Hong Kong players. In a recent match, the Wood Trophy game between Shanghai Cricket Club and Shanghai Recreation Club, opportunity was taken to swell the British War Fund.

A considerable amount was raised, including the sum of N.C. \$2,500, as the result of a "Dutch" auction conducted on a bat which belonged to the late Dr. W. E. O'Hara, former Interport spin bowler.

According to M. J. Divecha, the Parsee C. C. and Rees' player, who has played in six Interports, (four in Shanghai and two here), and who is here on a visit at the moment, two of the series of three Wood Trophy games had been washed out by rain. For the last game, these in charge decided to have "something special" in aid of British War Funds. Tents were pitched all round the S. C. C. ground, and sweeps were conducted on the game.

Game Drawn

The game itself ended in a draw with the scores as follows:—S.C.C. 152 (J. Potts-Hunt 44) and 132 (Stokes 63).

S.R.C. 119 (P. R. Kerrigan 41), M. J. Divecha 24 and 103 for S. C. C. Divecha 20 not out, P. Maday 18 not out.

In the second innings, Rees needed 115 runs and had over two hours in which to get them. The first five batsmen failed and with a little over 50 runs on the board, Pat Maday joined Divecha and these two played out time.

Sinclair Succeeds Leach

Divecha is now captaining Parsee Cricket Club for the 20th season in succession, and is in addition their vice-president. He first played in Interport matches in 1922, when he visited Hong Kong, and in his opinion, Donald Leach is the finest all-round cricketer he has seen in Shanghai or Hong Kong.

Divecha said that Leach left Shanghai recently for Australia, where he will try to join up, though "age might be against him as he is 41 years old."

A. C. Sinclair, well-known Interport swimmer, has taken over the captaincy of Shanghai Cricket Club from Leach and is fast settling down to the job.

Divecha added that Sam Isaacs, swing bowler, is still very keen on the game, though his "eyes are very bad."

ANOTHER WIN FOR CHINESE Y.

Chinese Y.M.C.A. beat Wah Kiu by 63 points to 52 in the Open Basketball League yesterday. Youths were given a walk-over by Victoria Recreation Club.

Scores were:—Chinese Y.M.C.A.—Tang Sik-chow 18, Chan Wah-hi 14, Luk Tak-cheung 7, Chan King-yu 6, Lee Fuk-kai 5, Ko Kar-wo 4, So Pak-tai 4, Lo Ho-sun 3 and Fong Yul-shan 2.

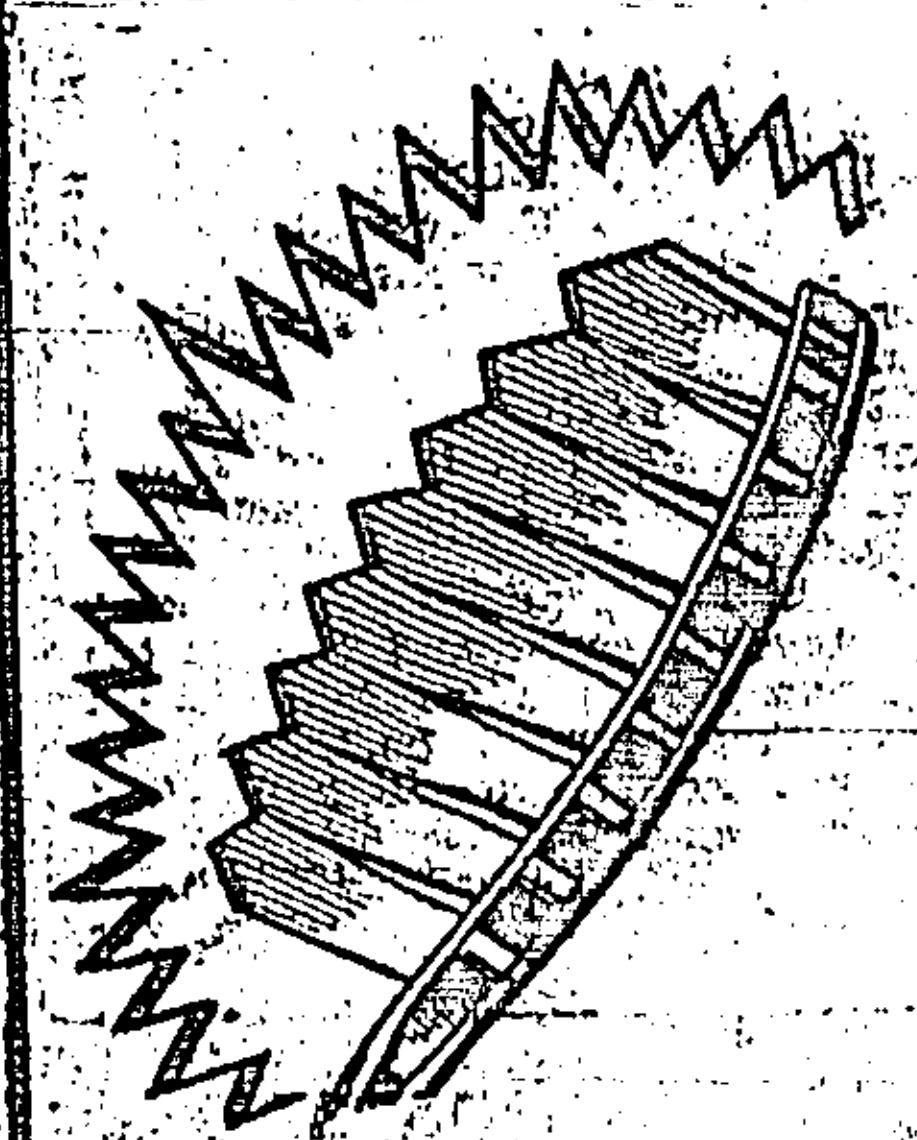
Wah Kiu—Lau Bing-chen 16, Lo Kai-ming 14, Tang Fuk-hin 10, Tang Yiu-ming 7, Luk Tak-kai 2, Wong King-wan 2 and Ma King-lin 1.

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South China	8	5	0	16
Sing Tao	8	7	1	18
National University	8	7	1	14
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	8	7	1	14
Wah Kiu	8	5	3	10
Black Cats	7	5	4	5
Residents' Union	7	3	4	6
Youths	6	2	4	4
Indian Police	7	2	5	4
Ping Ching	5	1	4	2
Yu Lung	7	1	0	2
Bank Union	7	1	0	2
Trojans	7	1	0	2
V.R.C.	0	0	0	0

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FILIPINOS PRODUCE FIRST TRIPLE PLAY OF SOFTBALL SEASON

By "Grandstand"

Thrills and excitement galore were provided at K.F.C. last Sunday when Merry Madcaps had their revenge on the Mighty Mindanao by trouncing the sailors 11 to 4, resultant on the superb 5-hit hurling performance of Carl Silva-Netto, backed by the almost flawless fielding display of a determined Madcap nine.

Bob Ogden's Cardinals came through with a fine victory over Wildcats in their return encounter, when they humbled the champions 11 to 9, with a last inning slugging rally to overcome a 3-run deficit. In the other ladies' game, Wahos just managed to nose-out a much-improved Chung Hwa squad by 12 to 11, whilst Marauding Mohawks accounted for Filipinos 10 to 4 in the second men's encounter.

The repeated warnings to catchers, especially those of the fairer sex, to don a mask when working behind the batter, were ignored, but it will be a long time before Wildcat hind-snatcher Cynthia "Sailor" da Motta forgets how much a softball can hurt, as she stopped Babida's foul tip with her nose. Chung Hwa catcher Kostas May narrowly escaped a similar fate when Irene Castilho fouled one of hurler Irene Law's pitches in the Wahoo-Chung Hwa tilt on the same day.

Brilliant Hurling

BACKED with brilliant fielding, Madcap hurler Carl "Kelly" Silva-Netto had complete control of the apple, walked two and accounted for the only strike-out of the fracas by whiffing "The Tony Mascavage" after the lumbering Lith had fouled a couple of pitches which would have been good for four bases had they not gone wide of the chalk lines by "only that much."

Losing flinger Bob Strahl was nicked for 10 solid blows in four semesters before he was yanked from the mound, whilst relief twirler Trimble yielded five safeties for the remainder of the scuffle.

Although the sailors drew first blood when Groneck-Moore, Wilson and Mascavage, dented the pay-off station in the first frame, scoring gates were closed to them for the rest of the tussle, Eddie Marques' Madcaps dishing out a new brand of defensive ball playing to blank the Minnies, and then unleashing a 15-hit attack to chalk up a total of 11 markers.

Fielding gems were dished out by Skelly Razaek when he hauled down Earl Wilson's stinging liner over third which was labelled base-hit—the blow almost tore Skelly's arm off—whilst Bakar roamed the pastures like a swooping ball-hawk, pulling down drives that chased him all over the field, but it was flashy short-stop Robbie Rocha who stole the thunder as he scooped up everything that came down the windy alley and snuff runners to first with his lightning paws.

CENTRE-GARDENER WILLIE SPRINKLE EARNED BATTING PLAUDITS WITH HIS PERFECT STICK PERFORMANCE BY CUFFING FOUR RASPING SINGLES IN AS MANY TIMES TO THE PLATTER, WHILST "BUSTY" HOLLANDS POLED OUT THE ONLY EXTRA-BASE KNOCK OF THE TUSSE WITH A TWO-BAGGER.

Game Won In 6th

WILDCATS practically had the game in the bag when they trotted out into the field at the beginning of the seventh with a 9-6 lead over Cardinals. Redbird gardener Alice Tsang and slabster Dolly Brown both grounded out to short. Marie Figueredo, strode up to the platter and rapped out a single, piffed the mid-way station, and crossed the pan standing up as Lily Mar heaved wild to first. Kitty Bush was given a life as third-sacker Gloria Mar fumbled an easy roller to put the tying run on base.

Marie Roza, coming into the game in the sixth canto, socked hurler Thelma Colloco's float on the nose, for a two-run triple to knot the count, whilst Babida slashed a daisy cutter to right and rounded all the bases before the poppet could be relayed in.

In Wildcats' half, Thelma Colloco grounded out, and Margaret Young popped out, whilst rookie Fatsy Rieber fanned the breeze for the game to end.

Redbird Dolly Brown fanned six

whilst Thelma Colloco whiffed four, neither hurler passing anybody to first. Ernie Babida's willow wielding was the best, as she connected for a round-tripper, a double and a single, in her four trips to the plate, whilst Marie Roza hammered out a three-bagger in her only time at bat. Betty Fitzgerald banged out a pair of doubles in three batting chances.

A Close Finish

ALTHOUGH Wahos' outthit Chung Hwa girls by the wide margin of 12 to 6, they only managed to scrape through with an 11 to 12 nose-out. The Green-shirted Owls chalked up two markers in the first frame on three blows whilst the Chung Hwa maids replied with a tally on two miscues. Both sides were blanked in the next canto, but Chung Hwa managed a 4-1 lead after producing a four run spurge in the third.

In the fourth they piled on another five counters, whilst Wahos were shut-out in their turn with the bat. Trailing 10-4, Owls unleashed their battering rams and dented the rubber eight times in the next two frames to regain a 12-11 lead. In the last chapter neither side could produce a marker and the game ended that way.

Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle rolled off three blows in four batting chances, including a triple, a double and a single, whilst Aida "Sweet-as-apple-cider" Castro poled out a three-bagger and a double in her three trips to the plate.

"Big Chief Wahoo" Terry Noronha fanned seven for the whole game, whilst Chung Hwa flinger Irene Law whiffed five.

Mohawks Triple

HIGHLIGHTED by the first triple play of the season, Mohawks downed a weak Filipino squad 10 to 4.

Thomas Tomashevsky and Gas Oliver were dancing on first and second, when Dave Walker popped out an infield fly which veteran Dave Baptista flayed down. Before either Tomashevsky or Oliver could scramble back to their bases, the apple had already been relayed to key-stoner Aromin and first-sacker Bunty Neves for the side to be retired.

"Smudge" Smith, who started for the Mohawks, was derricked after he had walked seven and struck-out two, whilst relief moundsman "Doc" Molten whiffed three and passed one for the remainder of the tussle. Losing pitcher Blas fanned none and walked none.

Ernie "Big Boy" Hearther parked the apple into deep right for the only round-tripper of the fracas, and also connected for a single in his four batting chances. Nip Lum lashed the leather for a three-bagger, whilst Erickson, "Pinky" Higgins and Pete Elder banged in a double-a-piece.

Athletes To Meet Tonight

First step towards the proposed formation of Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association will be taken this evening, when a meeting will be held at European Y.M.C.A. commencing at 6.45 p.m.

Officers for the proposed Association will be elected and all clubs, universities, colleges and service units interested are invited to send representatives.

It is understood that application for affiliation to the English A.A.A. will be made in due course.

An exhibition tennis match between Mickey Rooney and national champion Bobby Rigg and Ted Schroeder and Jack Kramer, national doubles champion, has been arranged for the benefit of the U.S.O.

CIVIL SERVICE C.C. OFFICIALS

Civil Service Cricket Club held their annual general meeting yesterday and the following officials were elected for the ensuing year:

President—E. W. Hamilton; Vice-President—H. E. Strange; Cricket Capt: 1st XI J. E. Richardson, 2nd XI F. E. Lawrence; Cricket Vice-Captains: 1st XI R. H. Griffiths, 2nd XI J. McGowan.

General Committee—P. D. Crawley (chairman), H. E. Strange (cricket representative), W. J. Skinner (tennis), S. Eccleshall (lawn bowls), C. Strange (billiards), J. R. Carr (greenranger), A. B. Allan (librarian), J. Gellatly (bar convener), W. J. Burling (treasurer), J. A. Bendall (secretary), E. W. Pudney and M. N. Rakusen (auditors), V. A. Garton and M. E. Purvis (extra members of committee).

SPORT UPSET BY POLICE IN SHANGHAI

The recent decision on the part of the police authorities in Shanghai's French Concession, debarring sporting contests between Chinese and foreigners, which seriously affected football in the Northern port, has now been extended to include tennis.

As a result, the final of the Roper Cup, between China and Japan, and of the Men's Junior Singles between E. Tsai and P. E. Arnyev, have been indefinitely postponed.

The revised schedule issued by Shanghai L.T.A., therefore, calls for only the finals of the Men's Singles, in which V. T. Wang meets Kho Sin-oi, and the Ladies' Singles, which is expected to be fought out between Mrs. B. Krevnov and Mrs. C. Tavares, the latter having to meet Miss Beeze Lo in the semi-final.

The reaction of the Chinese soccer clubs to the Football Association's announcement that a separate league be held for them if so desired, is eagerly awaited, writes the sports Editor of the "China Press." It will be recalled that at the annual general meeting an extension of the application deadline was passed enabling the Chinese clubs to talk things over, seeing that the police authorities of both the Settlement and Concession had banned the matches between foreign and Chinese teams after last season's regrettable Tung Hwa-Police incident at the Candrome.

RODERICK RETAINS WELTERWEIGHT TITLE AT THE ALBERT HALL

(By Reuter's Sports Commentator)

A FRACTION OF THE "MANY WHO OWED SO MUCH TO SO FEW" RALLIED SPLENDIDLY LAST NIGHT AT THE ALBERT HALL, SCENE OF MANY MEMORABLE FIGHTS AND OTHER SPECTACULAR OCCASIONS, AND HELPED TO RAISE ABOUT £6,000 AT THE CHARITY BOXING HELD IN AID OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Many high R.A.F. officials were present and applauded the public's response to the appeal from the ring, which realised over £2,000, comprising sums varying from a shilling to £250.

The feature of the programme was Ernie Roderick's successful defence of the welterweight championship against Irish Guardsman Arthur Danahar, who was outpointed over 15 rounds.

After being within two minutes of forfeiting the title because of weight trouble, Roderick so out-boxed and out-generalised Danahar that the result was a foregone conclusion.

On Top Throughout

Roderick held command from the start, and apart from occasional flashes of desperation from Danahar, he remained on top throughout.

DANAHAR SURVIVED ANXIOUS MOMENTS IN THE 13TH ROUND WHEN Roderick TWICE FLOORED HIM FOR COUNTS OF NINE WITH A TERRIFIC RIGHT TO THE JAW, AND ONLY HIS INDOMITABLE PLUCK KEPT DANAHAR GOING WHEN HE WAS "OUT ON HIS FEET."

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir—From a perusal of the report on the semi-finals of the Open Pairs Lawn Bowls game played yesterday, my friends and I do not agree with the report of your scribe in that the elder Omar once again carried the young one in their triumph, as is the wont of this particular scribe in his other descriptions of their games. Young Omar lent his weight admirably throughout and although there is no gainsaying the fact that the elder Omar played as well as was to be expected, "A.M." was worth his weight in gold to his brother. SPECTATOR.

Roderick, who was overweight at weighing-in time, and only just managed the welterweight limit in the stipulated time allowed, now becomes owner of the Lonsdale Belt, which he had previously won twice.

Family "Double"

This completed a great family "double," since his manager and brother-in-law is, Nel Tarleton, who already owns the featherweight belt.

Sergt. Freddie Mills put further stakes to his claim to the light-heavyweight championship when he beat Tommy Martin, England's "Brown Bomber," the referee stopping the fight in the 5th round after Martin had taken three long counts.—Reuter.

Cochrane Willing To Risk Title

A Reuter message from London on September 23 stated that F. Cochrane, recent winner of the world welterweight championship, is reported to be prepared to defend his title against the winner of the fight between Roderick and Danahar.

It must be unique for a world champion to challenge a British champion with his title at stake.

Sports fatalities on the eastern front continue and the German press mentions Herr Tiesel, of Frankfurt, seven times. International footballer for Germany, Kalle Jaervinen, Olympic Games field events star for Finland, and Kalle Jalkanen, world champion long distance skier in 1938, also for Finland, as among the latest casualties.—Reuter.

Capt. Dewar Durie, who was stationed here with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders some years ago, when he played cricket for Army, is at present in Shanghai, and in a recent match for British Consulate, for whom he opened the innings, he made 18 runs and took three wickets against the Cathedral School. The Consulate team won by 11 runs.



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JOYRIDE DRIVER CAUGHT

Yip, alias Philip Tang, alias Lee H. H. Chung-hong, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning with driving motor car No. 3944 without a licence and without the owner's permission.

According to Traffic Sergeant Paton, the car, belonging to Mr. Chow Ming-jin of No. 94, Kennedy Road, was taken from Pedder Street car park on Sunday. A circular message was sent out.

At about 6:00 p.m. that evening, the ticket collector at the Vehicular Ferry Wharf saw accused drive the car to the ferry, and the Police were informed. Defendant drove past the wharf of two Chinese detectives waiting for him at the other side of the harbour.

Sgt. Paton told the Court that fourteen similar cases occurred during August and September. Defendant's story was that a friend of his, Tsang, told him that if he wanted to drive, he could use the car No. 3944, which was parked in Pedder Street. He took the car on Tsang's permission.

Defendant was fined \$200 or two months' hard labour.

CZECH SABOTAGE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The "Columbia" Broadcasting Company reports having picked up a British broadcast asserting that the intense anti-Nazi sabotage in Czechoslovakia has reduced production by between 40 and 60 per cent. International News Service.

Street By Street Fight If Needed

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ACCORDING TO reports from Vichy, the Russian city of Kharkov has been declared a fortified city, which will be defended street by street if necessary.

Stockholm Radio, with information derived from Berlin, says that German troops are already fighting in the outskirts. There is no confirmation from any reliable source.

Very fierce fighting is reported from Leningrad as the Moscow Conference gets under way pledged to lose no time.

"Pravda" says that a war of continuous movement is in progress. The Russians are making deep raids into German-held territory, while the German troops, similarly, are carrying out forays against Russian-occupied ground.

In a surprise attack on an aerodrome near Leningrad, Soviet planes destroyed seven four-engined planes, twelve one-engined and fifteen twin-engined machines on the ground.

Winter Campaign

Meanwhile the first official information that the German General Staff expects the war in Russia to last through the winter comes in the form of a prediction by Colonel Scherff that "German troops will be well prepared to initiate a great offensive in the Spring."

He pointed out that the Germans passed through several

Russian winters in the last war. "Germany's talent for organisation will not be embarrassed by the Russian winter, and is already organising the battle against nature."

Germany rejects all ideas of a separate peace, said a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman, omitting to mention that Germany had not been asked for any such peace.

"There can be no peace," he said. "The Bolsheviks are to be annihilated. German troops are ready for the greatest march of victory of all time." International News Service.

TALKS WITH THE VATICAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Advices reaching Washington concerning the talks of Mr. Myron Taylor at the Vatican lead high officials to feel confident that the Pope sympathises with the Democracies.

It is learned on high authority that Mr. Taylor outlined to the Pope the tremendous extent of the United States effort in aid of resistance to aggressors.

He stressed that the United States was committed to bringing about the defeat of Hitlerism, and was hoping, after the war, to bring about modification of Russia's anti-religious policy.

It is insisted, however, that Mr. Taylor was not concerned in an effort to persuade the Pope to pronounce on the justness of war against Germany. — International News Service.

ATTACK ON BRITISH CONVOY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Admitting British raids on Turin, Milan, Genoa, Palermo, Rapallo, Marsala and Spezia, the Italian High Command claims victory in a "giant aircraft versus ship battle in the Central Mediterranean."

The Italians claim to have hit two heavy and one light cruiser, and to have sunk "large units" of a British convoy.

The British official version declares that the convoy went through. One merchant ship was sunk (without loss of any of her crew) after it had been found impossible to tow her to safety. One cruiser received damage which impaired her speed, but not her fighting efficiency.

No other ship was hit. International News Service.

FREEING SEAS OF U-BOATS

"We have partially freed the seas of the Nazi menace—before we have finished the seas will be completely free."

Thus Mr. Claude Wickard, United States Secretary of Agriculture, at a meeting of Agricultural leaders of the Southern States, held at Memphis, Tennessee.

"American food, he said, would continue to reach England. 'Already we have shipped or bought for England about US\$500,000,000 worth, and within the next year we expect to ship or buy at least another \$1,000,000,000 worth.'"

Declaring America must do its part in feeding hungry Europe, when Hitler has been beaten, Mr. Wickard said: "We must do it for humanitarian reasons and we must do it for particular reasons."

"Since we have got to help to clean up this mess, we may as well make a good job of it. For it is a little too much to ask the United States to go through this thing every 25 years."

"This time let us not only win the war, let us win the peace, too." — Reuter.

BADLY WOUNDED TO BE FREED

A SWISS HOSPITAL TRAIN HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES FOR THE REPATRIATION OF SOME 1,500 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR WHO ARE BEING EXCHANGED FOR A SIMILAR NUMBER OF GERMAN PRISONERS FROM BRITAIN.

The train will take some 300 wounded British prisoners across France to a French Channel port where they will be exchanged for an equal number of German prisoners who will arrive there by hospital ship from Britain.

The exchange is expected to begin early next month. — Reuter.

ATTACK ON FRIEND ADMITTED

Admitting wounding his friend, Sin Kul, with a hammer on April 12 last, Lip Chai-kwan, 41, butcher, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

In May, 1940, accused with his wife and son shared a flat in Apliu Street with complainant. Later, his wife and son disappeared and he threatened complainant with a knife alleging he was responsible.

In Apliu Street on April 12, accused attacked him with a hammer, and escaped.

On Sunday, he was arrested on a bicycle. A butcher's knife was found in a basket on the bicycle.

Accused, stated the prosecution, admitted that he wounded Sin Kul on April 12, and that he was going to threaten him with the knife when he was arrested.

Accused's wife and son are still missing and according to the prosecution, have gone to the country.

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Official Statement

The release of severely wounded British prisoners of war in Germany, and 500 chaplains and medical services personnel, will probably be repatriated next month.

This was announced by Mr. Dunlop Sandys, Financial Secretary to the War Office in a broadcast last night.

The repatriation will be carried out in two British hospital ships and the British prisoners will be exchanged for German prisoners who will embark at a South Coast port and be landed at a port in Northern France. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Questioned at a press conference in Tokyo this morning regarding Mr. Duff-Cooper's activities in the Far East, a Japanese Government spokesman said: "I rather admired his frankness in identifying himself with Anglo-American plans for the encirclement of Japan."

He added: "This must be rather embarrassing to the British Government."

When the correspondent mentioned that the Japanese newspapers appeared to be upset by Mr. Duff-Cooper, the spokesman declared: "We have, of course, a great interest as well as concern in what he says and does." — Reuter.

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